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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Financing The Airport

AN unexpected and disappointing disclosure was made by the Colonial Secretary on Wednesday when he sought Legislative Council's approval of the Kai Tak extension scheme. The hoped-for $48 million grant by the Colonial Welfare and Development Corporation towards the capital cost of the new airport is not likely to be forthcoming, wherefore the full burden of financing the project falls entirely on Hongkong. It would appear the original official optimism of financial assistance from the Welfare and Development Corporation was based on somewhat flimsy foundations, or that Government was misled into believing that application for a grant would be favourably received. Perhaps, too, our claim has not been presented with sufficient force. On the face of it one would imagine that the Kai Tak project is a development work which naturally fulfils the requirements for monetary assistance from the Corporation. It is not an experimental undertaking, such as, for example, the abortive groundnuts scheme; it is not exclusively for the benefit of the Colony; it is essential if Hongkong is to retain its importance as an international air terminal; and its total cost, when considered in conjunction with other heavy financial commitments, such as the Tai Lum Chung reservoir and the City Hall undertakings, is too severe for the Colony's revenues to bear. With these facts in mind Hongkong is entitled to make new and stronger representations to the Colonial Welfare and Development Corporation for aid, even though this entails seeking a grant over and above the allocation to the Colony already approved by the Corporation and which is earmarked for the Hongkong University.

ON the assumption, however, that the Corporation decides unfavourably, the problem to be met is finding $97 millions for the new airport without the Financial Secretary resorting to increased taxation. The Hon Dr S. N. Chau made it clear on Wednesday that the Unofficials would fight against new tax burdens imposed for the purpose of paying for the airport and his view fully represents public opinion. It is true that early use can be made of the interest-free loan which the Imperial Government is advancing, but it must be remembered that it will be necessary to pay out close on $100 millions during the next six years for the fulfilment of the project and that there is very small chance of finding this money from current revenue, unless, of course, the Financial Secretary succeeds in his proposals for improving collection of taxation revenue. Even this is not likely to produce all the additional revenue required to cover such a heavy capital outlay and the only alternative would appear to be to dip into our reserves. Hongkong is at least well off in this respect (perhaps it is our impressive general revenue surplus which has influenced the Colonial Welfare and Development Corporation against making a grant towards the airport) and if, let us say, a withdrawal of $30 millions will not seriously endanger our reserve position, then there should be no hesitation in making use of those resources. A full appraisal of the problem by the Treasury, together with proposals for dealing with the situation, would be helpful.

MENDES-FRANCE ELECTED

Becomes New French Premier By Big Vote

INDEPENDENT OF COMMUNIST ASSISTANCE

Paris, June 18.

M. Pierre Mendes-France, left-wing Radical "peace or quit" leader, was today elected Prime Minister of France with a heavy majority.

It was officially announced that he had been elected with an absolute majority independent of the 95 votes he received from the Communists.

M. Mendes-France had said that if he did not have a majority without the Communists—whom he accused of "manoeuvres" and "a political operation"—he would not accept election.

Wartime bomber pilot Mendes-France, opponent of American intervention in Indo-China and advocate of a compromise on the European Army, becomes France's 21st Premier since world war two.

In a tense vote in the National Assembly, he was swept into office by 419 votes to 47 with 154 abstentions.

Excluding the Communist and the four Progressive votes, M. Mendes-France received 320 non-Communist votes — six more than constitutionally necessary to be elected Premier.

The result was a triumphal end to a dramatic debate in the course of which M. Mendes-France was violently attacked by a spokesman of M. Bidault's Popular Republican Party.

But in his brilliant reply, M. Mendes-France succeeded in proving the exception to the French Parliamentary rule in so far as his two speeches did have a decisive influence on the final voting.

M. Mendes-France will present his list of Ministers to President Rene Coty at noon today (Friday). This is entirely against all precedent as usually a lot of bargaining takes place between the different groups before a Cabinet is constituted.

It was not yet known who his Ministers would be. But it was considered certain that M. Georges Bidault would be dropped from the Foreign Ministry.

It was possible that M. Mendes-France would himself take over the Quai d'Orsay assisted by a Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. M. Guerin von Beaumont, former head of the Press Department in the Foreign Office and a Conservative Deputy, who is an opponent of the European Army, has been already mentioned by some political circles for the post.

The number of abstentions was not announced but it was believed to be 154. The figures will be officially announced later today.—Reuter.

GENEVA REACTION

Geneva, June 18.

The election of M. Pierre Mendes-France as new French Prime Minister sent the prospects of peace in Indo-China soaring today.

This was the general view of most delegates at the nine-nation peace talks here who waited up anxiously till the early hours of the morning to hear the results of the National Assembly vote.

Western delegates were particularly pleased that M Mendes-France gained his election without having to depend on Communist votes.

Many observers here believe M. Mendes-France will inject into the negotiations here a political realism which M. Bidault, outgoing Foreign Minister, failed to do.

The new Premier is expected to face up to the fact that the Vietminh can probably achieve their political ambitions in Vietnam on the battlefield and are, therefore, unlikely to give them up at the conference table here.

M. Bidault had never offered the Vietminh a concrete political settlement insisting that this must develop progressively after a ceasefire. The Vietminh, on the other hand, had put forward what many non-Communist delegates privately describe as reasonable political conditions.

France is now expected to be the dominant partner on the Western side. The pace had been hitherto largely set by Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary.—Reuter.

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Prison For Editor And Directors

New York, June 17.

The editor and two directors of a left-wing Chinese language newspaper, the China Daily News, were sent to prison here today for printing advertisements telling readers how to send money to China.

The newspaper was fined $25,000.

Eugene Moy, 53-year-old editor and President of the company, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment; the two directors, Chin You Gon and Chin Hong Ming, to a year.

A third director, Tom Sung, was placed on probation for a year. All were found guilty last Tuesday after a seven-day trial of violating the American Trading With the Enemy Act.

The newspaper printed advertisements by two banks in China telling readers how to get around the law and send money there.

Mr Moy said in a statement: "The enemies of the China Daily News hope to kill this newspaper. But it will continue to publish and to press its policy of peace between the people of the United States and China."—Reuter.

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Matador Killed By A Bull

Madrid, June 17.

Rafael Carbonell, a young matador, was killed by a bull in the bullring of his hometown, Huelva, southern, Spain, this afternoon.

He died soon after receiving first aid in the bullring's infirmary.

Carbonell, 24, had been fighting for three years but had not yet become a fullfledged matador.—Reuter.

They Escaped From Dien Bien Phu

Here are three Foreign Legion men — who escaped from the inferno of Dien Bien Phu, during the final stage of the capture of the fortress by the Vietminhese. After several weeks of harassing march through the jungle, these men managed to reach Luang Prabang. They are seen here at the Town Hospital where they are recovering from the effects of their ordeal.—London Express.

Real Negotiations At Geneva May Now Start

Geneva, June 17.

The general impression in Geneva tonight was that the phase of speeches and intransigent declarations of principles on Indo-China was now over and that real negotiations may now start, with a good chance of reaching a positive result. This optimism has arisen following Chinese Foreign Minister Chou En-lai's proposals yesterday concerning Laos and Cambodia.

There is now a will for an entente. Although this entente is still far off, American circles were the only ones to retain the pessimism of the past few days, as they feared this new start of the conference might lead to a new Panmunjom — that is, endless talks.

French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, who arrived yesterday and was to leave again today, conferred with the Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian delegates befofre receiving Mr Chou En-lai.

Upon leaving, M. Bidault said he was convinced everything would be done to keep the Geneva Conference running.

British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, who was to return to London tomorrow, cancelled his departure and will attend tomorrow's session. The uneasiness created by the apparent stiffening of his attitude since his Whitsuntide visit to London has now completely disappeared. It is now almost certain that Mr Eden will return to Geneva after his talks in Washington.

In the afternoon Mr Eden had another talk with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, during which the two diplomats examined the procedure of the forthcoming Indo-Chinese negotiations.

Meanwhile, the French delegation had also just submitted to the eight powers a project for the creation of a special commission to study various proposals concerning control of the armistice, the neutral and mixed commissions, their composition and powers and relations.—France-Presse.

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CHINA TRADE ORGANISATION

London, June 17.

British businessmen have set up a new organisation to deal with the development of trade with China. It will be known as the Sino-British Trade Committee.

The new body will represent the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, the China Association, the Federation of British Industries, the London Chamber of Commerce and the National Union of Manufacturers.

The sole purpose of the talks between the Chinese and Sino-British Trade Committee members will be to examine ways and means of improving trade between the U.K., Hongkong and China within the limits of existing strategic restrictions, the spokesman added.—Reuter.

Military Estimates Exceeded

PEKING BLAMES UNITED STATES

London, June 17.

Communist China complained tonight it had exceeded its military budget estimates last year. It blamed US action against the Chinese "volunteers" in Korea.

A Communist New China News Service broadcast from Peking Radio said "national defence expenses in 1953 were somewhat higher than the budgetary estimates."

The chief reason for this discrepancy was that in the first half of 1953 the United States "attempted to enlarge the Korean war and we had to adopt effective measures to deal with any situation that might arise," the broadcast said.

This was the period of stalemate in the Korean war when both sides were sitting out the Panmunjom ceasefire talks.

The Communist agency said the Peking government adopted the 1954 budget today, allotting 21 per cent of the budget to defence. It did not compare this figure with last year's military spending.

"Sixty per cent of China's 1954 budget will be invested in capital construction and social services," the agency said.

The broadcast disclosed that Communist China had the same food production troubles that Soviet Russia has been battling since the death of Premier Josef Stalin.

"In the field of agriculture, 1953 was a year of comparatively more serious troubles for the entire country than any year since the liberation," the report said.

"Therefore, agricultural output did not reach the original plan."—United Press.

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7 CHINESE SEAMEN JUMP SHIP

Albany, N.Y., June 17.

Seven Chinese seamen "emigrated" to the United States today in a mass escape from a British vessel docked at the port of Albany.

The men were among 38 Chinese seamen aboard the oil tanker Spondilus when it left the Netherlands West Indies. Two others jumped ship at New York City.

Immigration officials said it was "doubtful" whether any spoke English. They believed the men would head for New York City.

Spokesmen pointed out that under the McCarran Act the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, Ltd., of London, faces possible fines of $1,000 per alien escapee. They said there were "no excuses" for the mass escape since guards were required on foreign vessels visiting the US.

Captain W. F. S. Brown of Newcastle, told the authorities five guards were engaged to prevent ship-jumping during the vessel's stay in port. The seven Chinese, however, apparently managed to slip down a rope during the night and into the river.

The vessel, which left here a few hours later, was scheduled to stop at New York City en route to Venezuela.—United Press.

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A-Physicist Found Dead

Upton, NY, June 17.

An atomic physicist was found dead at the Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island today. The authorities called it suicide.

The scientist, Leslie Ritner, 32, was found lying in the laboratory grounds with a small empty bottle beside his body. His wife Sally, 27, had reported to the laboratory police that he had been missing all night from their home.—United Press.

McCARTHY-ARMY INQUIRY COMES TO AN END

Washington, June 17.

The public inquiry into the difference between Republican Senator Joseph McCarthy and the United States army came to an end this evening, after millions of Americans had watched its development over the television since April 11.

Three general impressions at the end of the enquiry are as follows:—

(1) There is no certain loss by either side;

(2) The hearings have caused a loss of face for the Republican Party — and especially Senator McCarthy;

(3) Observers feel that the battle of McCarthy versus the Eisenhower administration, the moderate Republicans, and the Democratic Party is a long way from being over.

For more than two months, the enquiry has held the attention of the American people glued to their television screens and away from the international scene with its special aspects in the Far East. The army reproached McCarthy with having asked for "special privileges" for Private First Class David Schine, who, before being called up for service in the army, was with the Senate Inquiry Sub-Committee.—France-Presse.

ACCUSES McCARTHY

Baltimore, June 17.

Attorney - General Herbert Brownell, Jr., today accused Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of actions that "would substitute government by an individual for government by law."

Mr Brownell did not mention the Wisconsin Republican by name, referring merely to the "Senator" who recently invited Federal employees to give his committee "any information which they have" on Communism.

Quoting Sen. McCarthy's words, Mr Brownell said:

"This open invitation to violate the laws of the United States would substitute government by an individual for government by law."

Addressing the National Editorial Association convention, Mr Brownell also denounced Sen. McCarthy's proposal to call Army Loyalty Board members before his committee to examine them on loyalty cases.

He said Sen. McCarthy's invitation to Federal employees to give him information would "destroy" the effectiveness of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and seriously cripple the Justice Department's effectiveness as a prosecuting agency."

Mr Brownell said Sen. McCarthy's proposal to examine Loyalty Board hearing officers renewed just before today's close of the Army-McCarthy hearings, would destroy any employee security programme.

TRAGICALLY MISTAKEN

Mr Brownell condemned "those who, regardless of motive, break down our system of government by law in an effort to investigate Communism."

"Anyone who attempts to put himself above the law and invite government employees to turn over classified information relating to our national security, in violation of statute and Presidential order, is tragically mistaken if he believes he is helping to protect our nation's safety," he said.

"Nothing pleases the Communists more than to create division among the people on matters of national security; impair constitutional government; and encourage disobedience of the law."

Mr Brownell noted that it is a "crime" for any Federal employee who has lawfully received classified information relating to national security to turn it over to anyone not entitled to receive it.

Classified security information includes documents or information about troop movements, atomic data, military equipment and supply secrets and FBI reports, he said.

"It does not make sense to say that anyone in government can give this information to any person if he thinks it is in the public interest," he said.

Mr Brownell said the control of such information "must and should" remain in the executive branch of the government.—United Press.

SENATE MOTION

Washington, June 17.

Senator Herbert Lehman (Liberal Democrat, New York) today tabled a motion in the Senate, asking it to relieve Senator Joseph McCarthy of his duties as chairman of the Governmental Operations Committee and the Sub-Inquiry Committee.

Senator Lehman claimed that McCarthy had exceeded his powers as chairman of these two committees, and accused him of violating the principle of the separation of powers.—France-Presse.

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Eden To Report

London, June 17.

Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, will tell the House of Commons next Wednesday about his negotiations with the Russians and Chinese at Geneva.

He will open a foreign affairs debate with the statement on Geneva which it was originally announced he would make on Tuesday.—Reuter.

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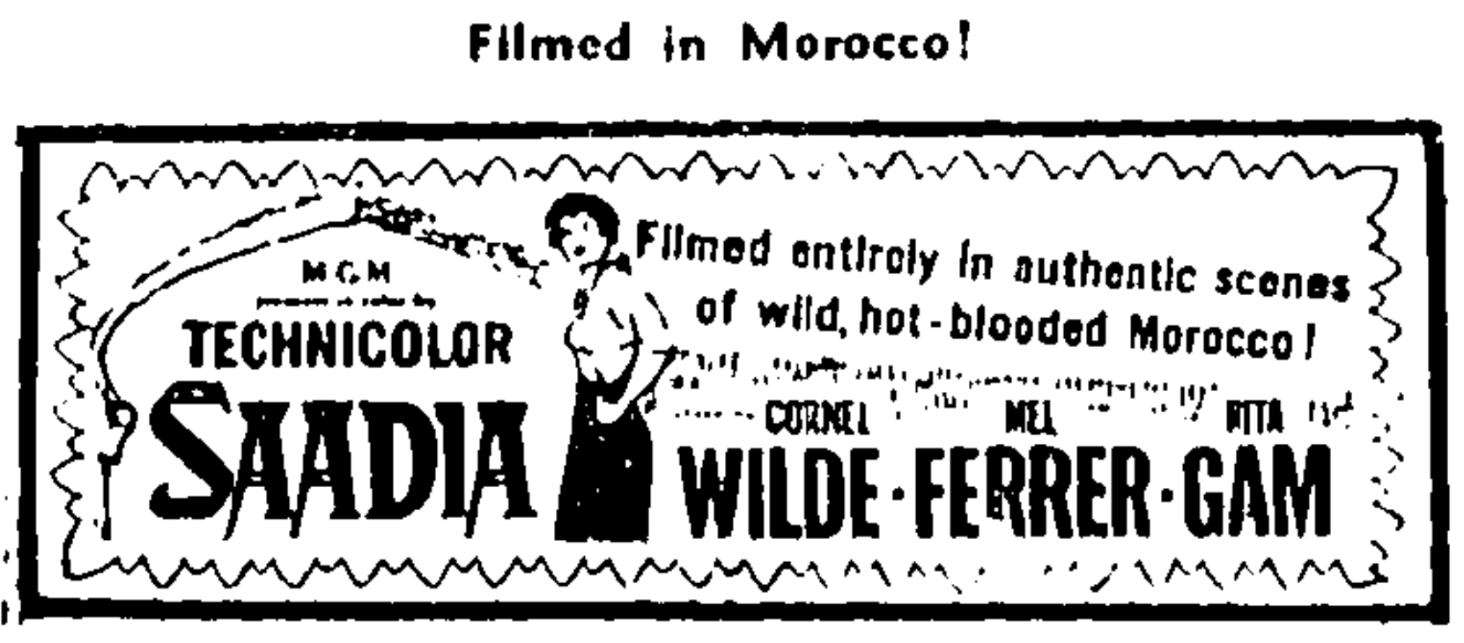
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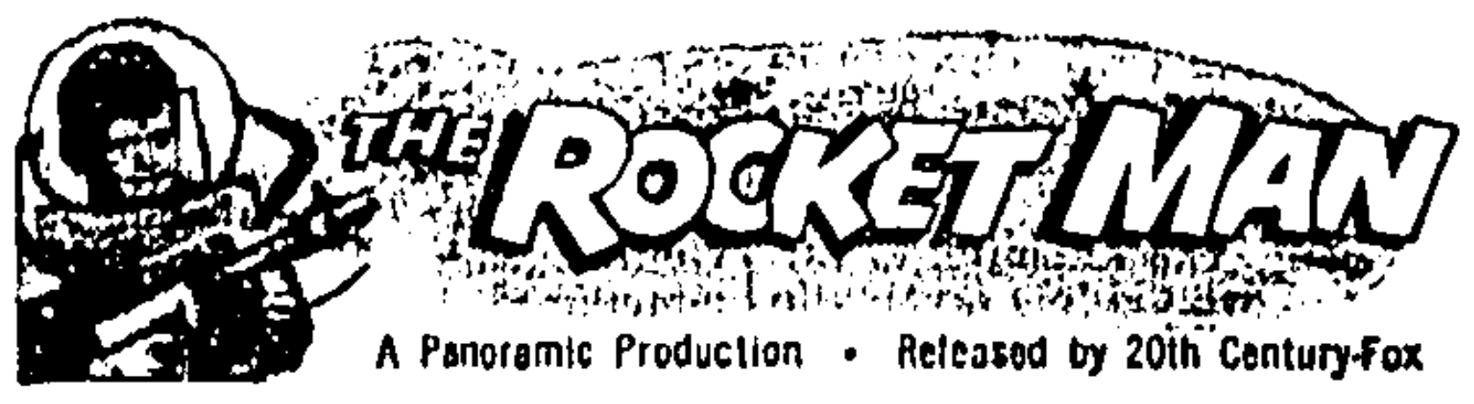

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Important Political Reforms Likely For Vietnam

Paris, June 17.

The new Vietnam Premier, Ngo Dinh-diem, is expected to dissolve the National Council, and to form a Supreme Council vesting it with many of the powers at present held by the Chief of State, Emperor Bao Dai, informed sources said today.

The Supreme Council would be a kind of "council of wise men", or "council of censors", the same sources said. A similar institution existed in Vietnam under the former monarchy.

Bao Dai, in his address officially designating Ngo Dinh-diem as Premier, is expected to place emphasis on the great moral qualities of the latter in an attempt to achieve Vietnam unity around the Premier's name.

It is also believed that Bao Dai may also announce that he will be away from Vietnam for a long time because of international events. It is thought that during his stay in Europe, Bao Dai would provisionally delegate full powers to Ngo Dinh-diem, reserving for himself the right to ratify all decisions.

A Saigon report confirmed that the Vietnam Chief of State, Bao Dai, would announce the turning over of most of his present powers to a sort of Supreme Vietnam Council, according to well-informed sources.

SECOND ALTERNATIVE

Since the announcement of the proclamation, rumours had circulated according to which the Chief of State had decided either to abandon his functions entirely, or to delegate a great number of his prerogatives to a supreme council. It is now the second alternative which is held most likely.

If true, the role of the chief of state would be chiefly representative, and would conform to the desires of the new Premier, Ngo Dinh-diem, who has always favoured a constitutional monarchy.

It is believed that the new Premier would not have accepted his post if he has not been assured that he would have a free hand, and an extended field of action.

Since 1949, Bao Dai has practically exercised the power of an absolute monarch.—France-Presse.

Queen Said 'Thank-You' With Tulips

Ottawa, June 17.

A simple but most imaginative gift by Queen Juliana of the Netherlands of 20,000 Rutch tulips has grown this year into a Netherlands-Canadian tulip festival with the blazing colour of 750,000 blooms.

It all began when the Queen (then Princess Juliana) returned to Holland after her war time sojourn in Ottawa with her Consort, Prince Bernhardt, and family. So far as the sorrows of war and exile permitted, she had been happy in Ottawa. And here at the Civic hospital a child, Princess Marghrite Francisca had been born to her.

So, in gladness for her safe return to Holland, Princess Juliana sent the city of Ottawa 20,000 tulip bulbs, and ordered that another 15,000 should be sent every year during her lifetime. The associated bulb growers of the Netherlands, fired by the imagination of their Queen's "Thank You" gift, added 100,000 tulip bulbs.

On its side, the city of Ottawa saw to it that the Queen's own bulbs should be massed at the gardens of the hospital where the little Dutch princess had been born.

DUTCH TERRITORY

History had been made when the Canadian Parliament passed a special law making the room in which Marghrite was to be born Netherlands territory for the occasion. This was done to save possible legal complications for the Royal household afterwards.

The Federal District Commission, which has charge of landscaping the Canadian capital, arranged for the Dutch bulbs to be suitably massed, particularly upon the lawns of Parliament beneath the Peace Tower and along the Drive-way beside the Rideau Canal.

Last year, tulip time was officially declared to be a festival, and this year for the first time the private citizens of Ottawa joined in the plan to mass tulips wherever possible. Prizes were awarded by the Board of Trade for the best displays.

Tourists came by bus and car in thousands from neighbouring American and Canadian cities to see "Queen Juliana's Thank-yous."—China Mail Special.

More Powers For Irish Police

Belfast, Northern Ireland, June 17.

The Northern Ireland Government today revived the Special Powers Act giving police more freedom of entry, search and arrest following the Irish Republican Army raid last week-end on the military barracks at Armagh.

The Home Office declared in a statement that the Government would not hesitate to reintroduce further powers if necessary to protect the community.

A party of about 15 members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army dressed as British soldiers held up military guards at Armagh, close to the Irish Republican border, and drove off with 300 rifles, sten and Bren guns.

An official inquiry is being held and a statement on the raid is expected next week in the House of Commons in London.—Reuter.

US Aid For RAF

Washington, June 17.

The Director of the United States Foreign Operations Administration, Mr Harold Stassen, today announced the signing of an agreement for Britain to manufacture $85 million worth of military aircraft for the Royal Air Force under the Foreign Aid scheme.

"The Royal Air Force is a very significant element in the NATO defence scheme," Mr Stassen said. "British air power is the third most powerful in the world and Britain is shouldering a defence burden which is second only to the United States among non-Communist nations."—Reuter.

MP's Complaint Against Japanese Copies

London, June 17.

A Conservative, Mr Frederick Erroll, complained in the House of Commons today that Japanese textile firms were exporting to British West Africa exact copies of British designs.

He asked if the Government would take steps to "stop this breach of the Anglo-Japanese trade agreement."

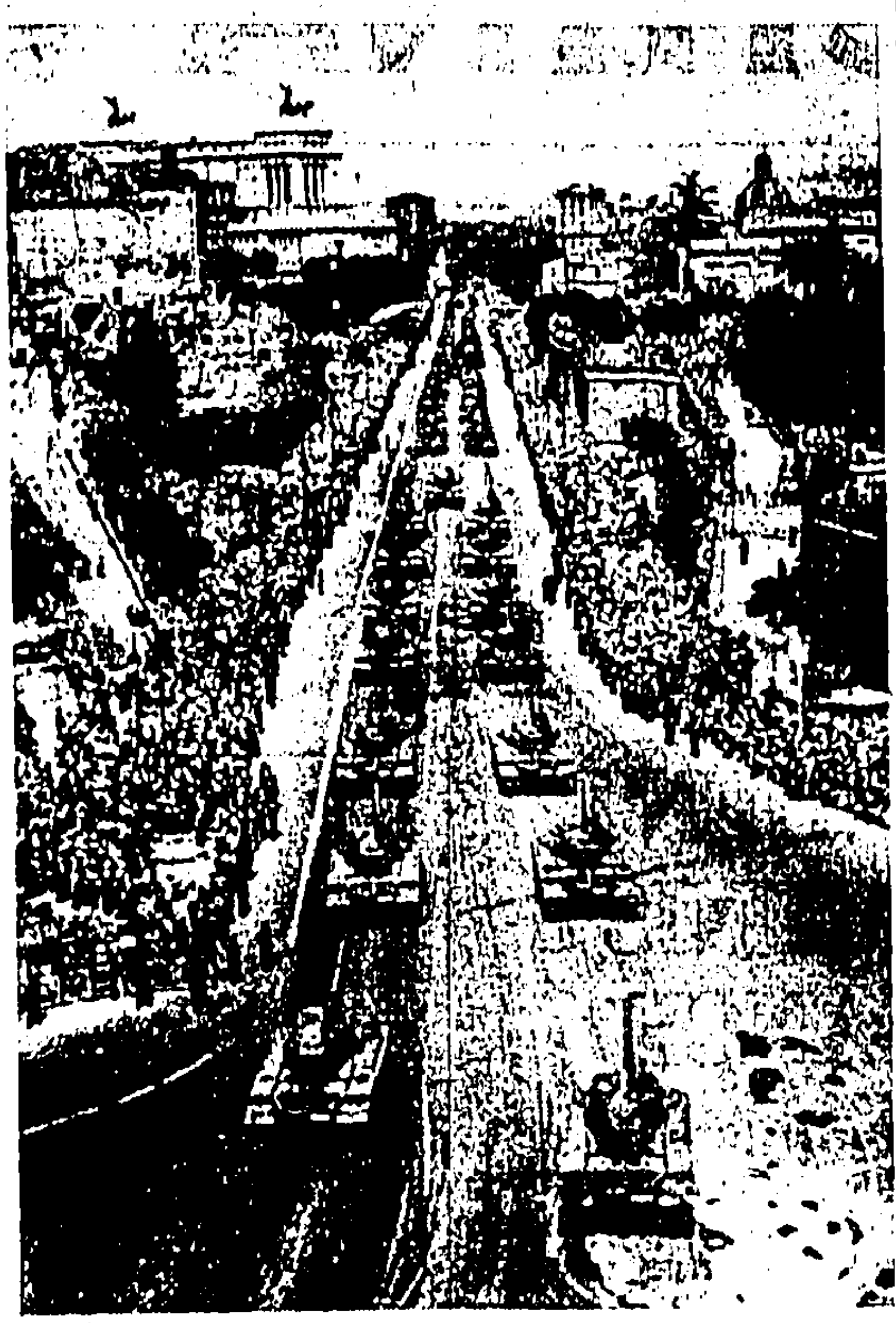
Mr Derick Heathcoat Amory, Minister of State at the Board of Trade, replied:

"The President of the Board of Trade is fully aware of this.

"Copying of this kind is not as Mr Erroll implies a breach of the Anglo-Japanese trade agreement.

"But it is quite inconsistent with established standards of good trading practice and the President intends to bring the matter to the notice of the Japanese Government."—Reuter.

Italians Celebrate



The parade of tanks during the big military parade for the eighth anniversary of the proclamation of the Italian Republic. President Einaudi was present.—Express Photo.

Victory For United Party In Natal Elections

Pietermaritzburg, Natal, June 17.

The United Party completely defeated a challenge from the Union Federal Party, a splinter group in Natal Provincial elections results today showed.

The Federal Party, the main opposition to the United Party in South Africa's most English Province, failed to win a single seat in the 17 constituencies it contested in yesterday's elections.

The United Party now has 21 seats in the 25 member Provincial Council, the National Party of Dr Daniel Malan, the Prime Minister, won a new seat in an area previously held by the United Party. The other three seats were retained by Nationalists.

All three Liberal and all three Labour candidates were defeated.

The recently formed Union Federal Party, led by Mr G. Heaton Nicholls, a former United Party leader in the Union Parliament, favours strong ties with the British Crown. The National Executive of the Party will meet on Saturday to discuss the result.—Reuter.

He Didn't Want To Marry Film Star

Hollywood, June 17.

Red-haired film star Susan Hayward testified today at her divorce trial that actor Jess Barker was a reluctant bridegroom at the time of their marriage nearly 10 years ago.

Barker, who followed his estranged wife to the stand, did not comment on his report reluctance to marry the actress but he insisted he did not want a divorce, still loved his wife and their twin sons and would prefer that they be reconciled.

Miss Hayward explained that Barker was afraid that their marriage might affect his standing as an actor with his bobby sox following.

"I wanted to get married," Miss Hayward said coolly and frankly on the witness stand. "I told him he would never have to worry about taking care of me, that I could take care of myself."—United Press.

Frosts Hit British Fruit Crops

London, June 17.

This year's cherry, apple and plum crops in Kent and the Vale of Evesham will be below average. Frosts and cold winds are blamed.

Mr S. R. Dixon, who has 600 acres in Kent, said yesterday: "Apples promise not more than a half crop, with plums about the same, Pears show better promise.

The cherry crop would be down. "Five or six frosts early in April and the east winds in May are responsible," it was stated. The quality of the fruit will be determined by the weather at the time of picking.

WARM WEATHER WANTED

Mr F. J. Masters, an Evesham fruit grower, said there would not be a good crop in the Vale and there was likely to be a shortage of the better types of dessert plums. Victorias had "thinned out badly."

"In places, even egg plums and purples were caught in the frosts quite a bit. We want warmer weather. The rain is not going to make much difference, except to strawberries.

"Blackcurrants are short in places. Gooseberries are fair. It is too early to say much about raspberries or blackberries."

Paris, June 17.

French playwright-actor, Jean Cocteau has now reached the out-of-danger stage in his illness, according to the doctors who are looking after him, tonight.

They added that he would still need a five-week rest and all visits are still forbidden.

The French actor, Jean Morais, who came to France from Los Angeles specially to see M. Cocteau, has not yet been permitted to visit him.—France-Presse.

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Chin Yu Is Happy

Pictured in London as their engagement was announced are 25-year-old Chin Yu, Anglo-Chinese actress and dancer known as 'the girl with the butterfly hands', and 31-year-old actor David Williams, from Sydney, Australia.

Chin Yu is leading lady in 'The Teahouse of the August Moon', now running at Her Majesty's Theatre, London; Mr Williams is playing the juvenile lead in the musical show 'South Pacific' on tour. The wedding will take place in London at the end of June.—Reuter.

America May Stop Aid To Guatemala

Washington, June 17.

The Foreign Aid chief, Mr Harold Stassen, said today the United States was giving "serious consideration" to whether the Battle Act or a similar measure should be applied to Guatemala.

He also announced during a news conference the possible termination of the United States assistance programme for that country.

The Battle Act requires all nations receiving United States aid not to ship armament or strategic materials to countries in the Soviet orbit. Mr Stassen was asked by reporters whether Guatemala would be included among the list of Soviet-dominated nations for the purpose of placing an armament embargo on the Central American Republic.

He said such a decision would still require "very important determinations" but it was receiving "serious consideration" by the United States Government.

By "very serious determination", Mr Stassen indicated, a final decision would still have to be made on the extent of Guatemala's association with Moscow.

Mr Stassen himself, however, declined to state his opinion on this matter.—United Press.

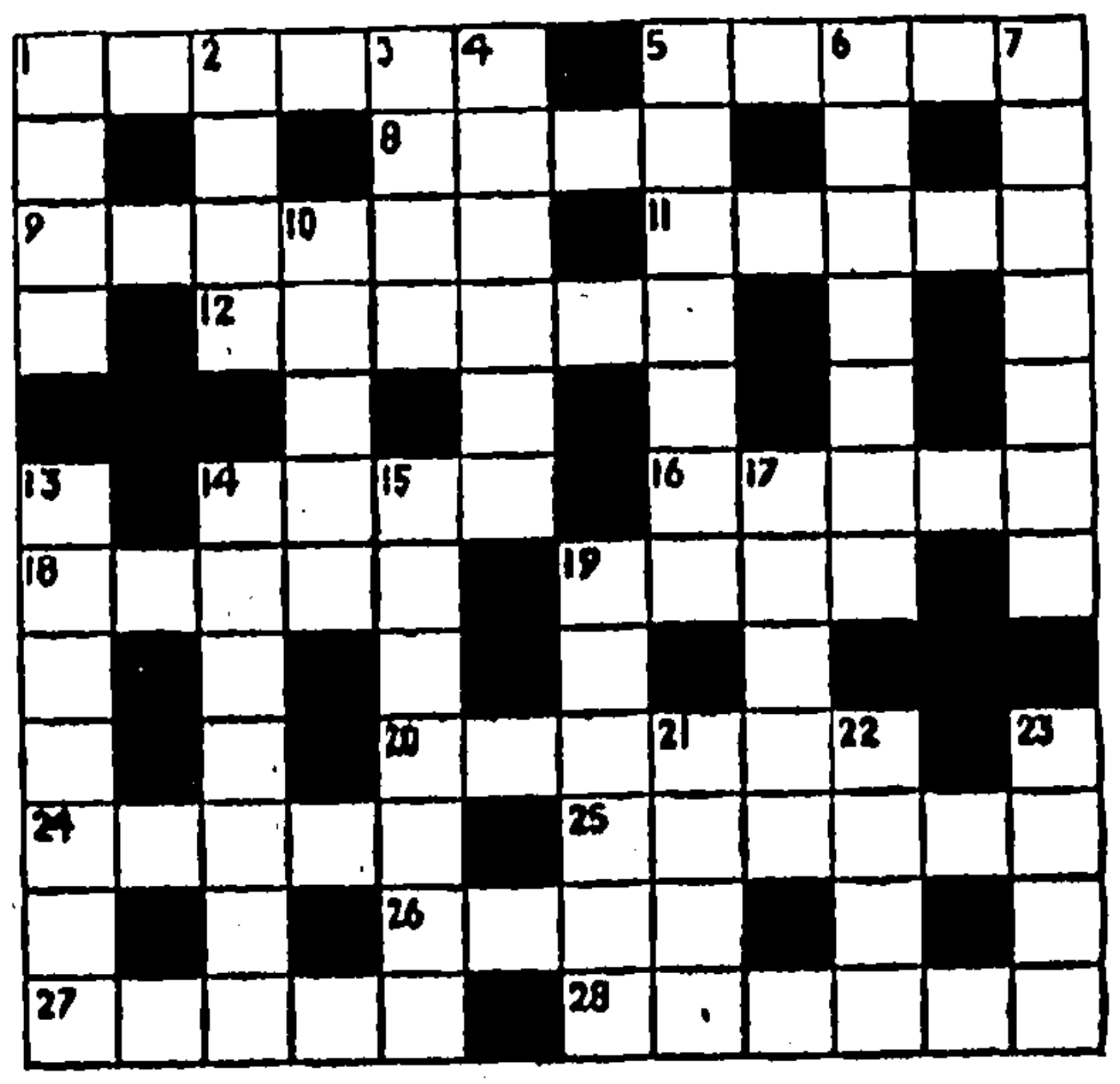
REQUEST TO UK

London, June 17.

A Foreign Office spokesman today said the United States had formally requested Britain to do all in her power to prevent the export of arms to Guatemala.

The spokesman said that in fact Britain had prohibited the export of arms to Guatemala for some years past but was now considering what, if any, further steps could be taken.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Adviser (6).
5 Dig (5).
8 Meditate (4).
9 Quickness of perception (6).
11 Part of a house (5).
12 Wrongdoer (6).
14 Expensive (4).
16 Speak slowly (5).
18 Vigilant (5).
19 Stagger (4).
20 Rubbed out (6).
24 Geometrical figure (5).
25 Grave (6).
26 Common fund (4).
27 Negotiate (5).
28 Peers (6).

DOWN

1 Repast (4).
2 Intelligence (4).
3 Sign (4).
4 Athlete (6).
5 Lower in rank (7).
6 Bountiful (7).
7 Precious stone (7).
10 Skinflint (5).
13 Protective wall (7).
14 Refuse (7).
15 Essay (7).
17 Carousal (5).
19 Motive (6).
21 Unaccompanied (4).
22 Transaction (4).
23 Burden (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Twine, 4 Rabbit, 8 Asleep, 10 Educe, 12 Credit, 14 Proctor, 17 Past, 19 Dapples, 20 Ominous, 22 Rend, 23 Cuddled, 27 Cohere, 29 Azure, 30 Efface, 31 Ensure, 32 Rests. **Down:** 1 Tramp, 2 Igloo, 3 Erect, 5 Aped, 6 Brutal, 7 Treats, 9 Produce, 11 Dipped, 13 Erasure, 15 Rime, 16 Condor, 18 Sere, 20 Ornate, 21 Incurs, 24 Defer, 25 Loans, 26 Dregs, 28 Heir.

Protection Defined In Case Of Self-Government

London, June 17.

Britain today announced the creation of an "Overseas Civil Service" which will give new rights to the men who help to administer Britain's colonial empire.

An office paper on the reorganisation of the Colonial Service states that from October 1, 1954, a new service will be set up called "Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Service". This will merge all the existing unified branches of the colonial service.

Previously, civil servants in many territories have been wondering if they will still be needed if the area which they serve becomes self-governing and British control is withdrawn.

Under the new scheme, if a particular territory gets self-government, colonial service officers may expect employment elsewhere on not less favourable terms.

The declared official policy is to help the 60,000,000 people of all races and creeds in these colonial lands gradually towards self-government. The colonial territories range from Cyprus in the Mediterranean to the Antarctic Falkland dependencies. In some cases, such as the Gold Coast and the Federation of Malaya the progress toward self-government has reached an advanced stage.

The new plan will not fundamentally change the existing basis of employment or the position of civil servants in relation to local colonial Governments. It will strongly safeguard their position in the event of constitutional changes in the particular territories they serve.

Officials will still be employed in the public service of their local territory and will receive their pay from the Government of that territory.

And while Britain is administering the territory, the Service officers will continue to be protected by existing regulations or constitutional instruments.

THIS PROTECTION

But if a particular territory gets self-government, the Colonial Service officers will be entitled to expect these things:

1. The new government will not give them less favourable terms of service. It will safeguard pensions and other benefits for which they qualify under existing regulations.
2. The officers will still be regarded by the Government in Britain as members of Her Majesty's Service, eligible for transfer or promotion to Colonial posts elsewhere.
3. The Government which has taken over from Britain in a particular territory will not unreasonably obstruct officers who want to accept a transfer or promotion and will preserve their existing pension rights.
4. It will give such officers adequate notice of any intention to end their employment and the British Government will try to find them alternative employment if they wish it.
5. In the event of premature retirement resulting from constitutional changes the Government of the territory concerned will give the officers compensation.

FORMAL AGREEMENT

The British Government intends to see that these conditions are observed by having them embodied in a formal agreement between itself and any colonial territory achieving self-government. This agreement will also provide for the continuing payment of any pensions which have already been awarded to officers and their dependants.

The official statement explains that constitutionally all colonial service officers are Crown servants with their employment conditions embodied in Colonial regulations. The Colonial Secretary is the ultimate authority for appointments, discipline and promotion.

The Government says it hopes that the establishment of the new form of service will ensure that qualified men and women will be attracted to 'help the Overseas Governments and people along the path of social, economic and political progress". —Reuter.

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Compensation For Victims Discussed

Washington, June 17.

The United States Ambassador to Japan, Mr John Allison, today reported to the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee on Japanese compensation claims for damages through the March 1 hydrogen bomb test in the Pacific.

The Ambassador, after a half hour private session with the Committee, told reporters he had made a first-hand report with some background information.

The Committee chairman, Mr Sterling Cole (Republican), New York, told Reuters the Ambassador had discussed the status of the current negotiations with the Japanese Government on compensation claims lodged by fishing boat owners whose tuna fish catch was contaminated by radioactivity.

The Japanese Government had earlier announced that it would make a first instalment payment of $50,000 to meet the damage claims and would present the bill to the United States.

The United States has already undertaken to pay compensation to 23 fishermen on one vessel, who were burned by a shower of dangerous atomic ash, and to meet their medical expenses.—Reuter.

Report On Polish Slave Labour Camps

Bonn, June 17.

The German Refugee Press Service has today published details of Polish concentration and forced labour camps in the old German provinces of Pomerania and East Prussia.

Last week it gave details of the fourteen major camps of this kind in the former province of Silesia.

Today's statement shows that at least thirty such camps exist in those parts of Poland which formerly belonged to Germany.

The list published today includes nine East Prussian camps with about 13,000 inmates. Three of them—Kussen, Zinten and Heinrichswalde—each have more than 2,000.

The conditions are described as very severe, with slave labourers often working a ten to twelve-hour day on meagre rations.

Less than 2,000 of the prisoners are Germans, and of those many have been in these camps ever since the end of the war. There are five similar camps in Polish Pomerania.

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No Intent To Kill

Washington, June 17.

A Federal Jury today found Mrs Lolita Lebron not guilty of intent to kill in the shooting on March 1 in which five members of Congress were wounded.

Yesterday, the jury found the 34-year-old Mrs Lebron guilty on five counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and convicted all three of her male colleagues of assault with intent to kill, as well as assault with a dangerous weapon.

Mrs Lebron faces a maximum sentence of 50 years in prison for the lesser offence on which she was convicted.

The three men—like Mrs Lebron, members of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party — face maximum sentences of 75 years in prison—the penalty for intent to kill charge.—Reuter.

It's Whit Monday and holiday time for most men and beasts but 11-year-old Clydesdale shire, John can still see the funny side of things as he gives the big horse laugh to fellow entrants in the London Cart Horse Parade in Regents Park.

Austria Wants New Negotiations For Full Freedom

London, June 17.

Austria's Chancellor, Herr Julius Raab, pledged to British members of Parliament tonight that his country would "carry on a peaceful policy in Central Europe and not accept any military obligations."

Austria was determined, he said, not to buy a state treaty giving her independence "at the expense of any unilateral ties which are incompatible with full freedom and sovereignty."

The Chancellor in London on a three-day official visit, was addressing about 50 members of both Parliamentary parties at a meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Earlier he conferred at the Foreign Office with Mr Lloyd, Minister of State, and Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, permanent Under-Secretary, on his country's continued plight under four-power occupation.

Herr Raab told members of Parliament that Austria was "deeply disappointed" that the Berlin Foreign Ministers' conference earlier this year had failed to produce a state treaty for Austria.

WESTERN HELP

But she was hopeful of future negotiations. To achieve this she was very much dependent on the initiative of the three Western powers.

The Austrian Government would miss no opportunity to promote new discussions on the problem, he declared, adding: "Above all we must avoid Austria falling into oblivion as this would create the danger of perpetuating the present state of affairs, namely the absence of freedom and the country's occupation."

Recent Communist allegations that there were "Anschluss" sympathies in Austria only hid the Communists' own unwillingness to sign the (state) treaty and to put the blame for this on others."—Reuter.

Arab League's Attack On Britain

Cairo, June 17.

The Arab League tonight accused Britain of threatening to use force against tribal chiefs in the disputed area between Southern Yemen and Aden protectorate if they refused to obey the orders of the Aden Government.

In a statement the League said the orders concerned carrying out of a British plan for creation of a Federation of the Aden protectorate.

The statement said that despite the League's attempts to maintain law and order in the area the British had continued their aggression.

The statement added that two weeks ago an attack occurred against the El Somaa Village and Medinat El Bida with the aim of intimidating the inhabitants.

The League said it had information the British had brought pressure on tribal chiefs to accept the federation plan and threatened to bomb the territory unless they accepted it.

The inhabitants had rejected the British demand, the statement said.—Reuter.

New Role For Errol Flynn

A new soft-shoe dance team are now making their first film together in England. They are Errol Flynn, swashbuckling Hollywood star and Anne Neagle. This is Errol Flynn's first dancing role and he is seen here going through a routine with Anne to the tune of "Lily of Laguna". The film will be called "Lilacs in the Spring." — Express Photo.

Following 5-Power Talks Failure

AMERICA MAY EXPORT ATOMIC POWER

Washington, June 17.

It is possible now that the secret conversations between representatives of the United States, Russia, Great Britain, and Canada, on President Eisenhower's plans for an international "atomic bank," have broken down, the United States will announce a new international atomic policy of its own.

In consequence, America is now considering an idea that was first mooted in the days of the Truman administration, that the United States should offer, either on its own behalf or through the United Nations, to make fissionable material available to underdeveloped countries, or those with limited power resources, for industrial purposes.

The production of electrical power from nuclear reactors is no longer merely a theoretical possibility; it is just "around the corner."

Although the United States is not far ahead in this field as Britain, 63 contracts have been let to private American firms to study different aspects of building reactors, and one company, the Duquesne Power and Light Company, of Pittsburg, has invested $10m. of its own money in developing an atomic electric plant.

The Atomic Energy Commission is building five experimental "atomic furnaces" within the next five years in order to study how power can be produced economically.

The general opinion of the experts is that America is on the verge of enormous strides forward in the industrial uses of atomic energy and that within four or five years nuclear reactors will be producing electrical power at a cost which will be more or less competitive with other sources of energy.

CONVENTIONAL FUELS

But the United States is a country which has enormous resources of fuel and power in its conventional forms.

It is not surprising that Britain has moved fast on this aspect of atomic energy development because she has only one original source of power—coal. This is limited in quantity and progressively more expensive to mine.

The United States not only has coal, but oil and natural gas, as well as an abundance of electric development. It is estimated that America will double its output of power from conventional sources between now and 1960—although even so it will only just keep abreast of the demands of industry.

Therefore, the argument runs, in the short term the development of atomic power is less important for the United States than for most other countries. In the long run, it is immensely important.

Some American economists and scientists believe that by the end of the century, if American industrial output continues to double itself every 25 years as it has for the last century, the United States will have exhausted all its conventional sources of power and be dependent on nuclear fuel.

But in the short run, that is within the next five or eight years, it is doubtful if nuclear power could compete in terms of production costs with coal, oil, and hydro-electricity.

"Imagine It In India"

In consequence there is an impressive body of experts who argue that for the next decade or so the way to deploy the vast nuclear resources of the United States is in the export of it to countries that are short of power.

Work is now proceeding on a "package reactor" for the U.S. Army, one that would produce between one thousand and two thousand kilowatts of electricity, and which can be used in remote outposts where no other source of power is available.

The point is that such a reactor, or any reactor, derives fissionable plutonium from fissionable U235 and therefore consumes fuel with infinite slowness, living on a few pounds of uranium a year.

"Think," said an official, "of the effect of putting a small reactor in an Indian village. All that would be necessary to have a complete electrical system for the area would be to string wires to the plant. There would be no need for the railways that coal generating needs, for costly hydro-electric dams, or for roads and tankers to carry oil."

REVOLUTIONARY EFFECT

It is felt that atomic reactors could have a revolutionary effect on the economies of Asian and Middle Eastern countries which lack either coal or waterpower, or both, just as they may have a revolutionary effect upon the expansion of industry in Britain.

Moreover, although presumably American or Western technicians might be needed initially to run the reactors in underdeveloped countries, there is no question of giving away American atomic secrets to foreign Powers since experimental work on reactors is being carried out in many countries.

Whether the present Administration has the imagination to embark on a programme of installing atomic energy power plants in underdeveloped countries, time alone will show.

The prejudice against "give-away" programmes and against aid in any form—except arms—is now very strong in Congress.

On the other hand, while little is known about the development in Russia of atomic power for industrial purposes, American officials now know that they cannot assume that Russia lags behind the United States in any technological development.

There is a fear that if the United States does not share its atomic capabilities with the poorer nations, Russia will offer to do so. This might well be an argument to persuade the Congress.

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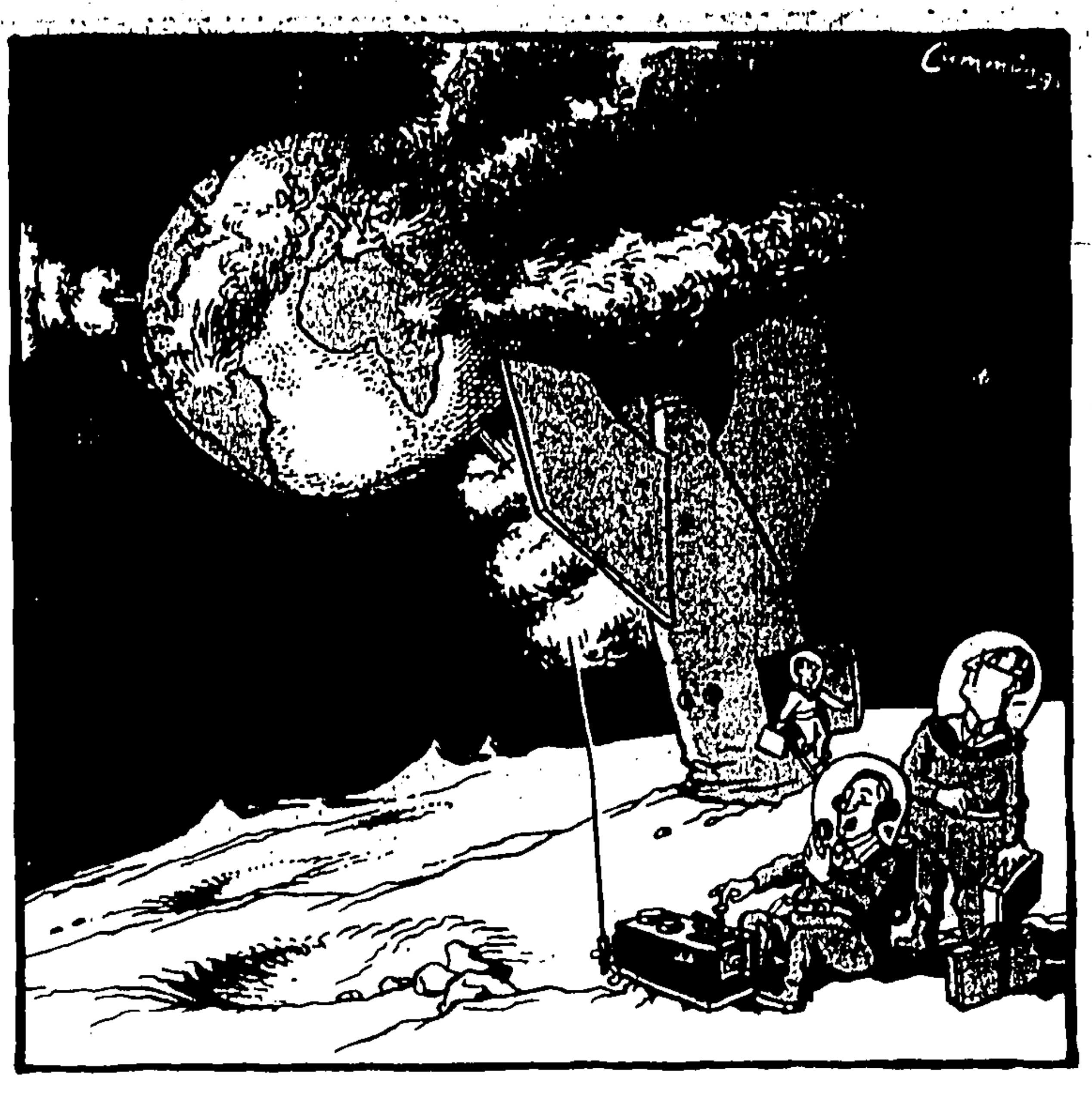

"Earth? Don't bother about the rescue rocket—we're staying."

London Express Service

Multi-Racial Societies In The Commonwealth

BY PATRICK MAITLAND, M.P.

London.

WHEN the Home Secretary told Parliament that the United Kingdom Government had no power to question coloured immigrants who were British subjects, one of the first fruits of the British Nationality Act became apparent.

Sir David Maxwell Fyfe was diverting a question designed to lure him into some word of deprecation that coloured Colonial subjects of the Queen — in this case about 2,000 from the West Indies in the past few months — should have unrestricted right of entry to the British Isles, and the right to work here.

His comment, that as these persons were British subjects they could come and go, avoided the issue in everybody's mind. For now that the British Isles are visible to the world as economically strong and (to take the London finance market, for example, and the flow of gold) growing stronger, this attracts the immigrant.

Among the constant population movements of the Commonwealth is that from Ulster and Eire to the north of England and to Scotland. This has been dictated in recent years solely by British prosperity and Irish poverty.

The same attraction has brought numbers of coloured persons from the West Indies and from Africa, many of whom work here and are contributing, through their national insurance payments and ordinary taxation, to the welfare state of which they are also the beneficiaries.

More Vivid

OTHER 'colonials' are the Cypriots. London's Cypriot colony is little thought of except when there is a Parliamentary election in South Pancras or Holborn. The essential fact is that 'colonials' have long enjoyed the right, as Her Majesty's subjects, to come and go.

But the problem is growing more vivid owing to the differences not of race but of colour. The United Kingdom is already a multi-racial society which has absorbed immigrations of many kinds from the Saxons to the Jews of the Hitler persecution, and the displaced persons and European voluntary workers since the war.

If there is a fear that a colour problem is about to arise in the United Kingdom, it is already plain that problems of colour and race together are among the heaviest that becloud the Commonwealth and Empire now.

Between the wars the Empire faced and solved the question as to what kind of sovereignty dependent territories could or should aspire.

Since the Statute of Westminster, the meaning of Dominion Status has become generally accepted. But once accepted it was then extended, first to the partitioned sub-continent of India, then to Ceylon. In the last case no fundamental difficulty resulted. For Ceylon the Crown was a proper and acceptable symbol matching 2,000 years of monarchy in that island.

For India, there came the decison to establish a Republic, which has now been followed by Pakistan. At this stage a wholly new concept of Dominion sovereignty has become accepted.

The next issue is whether it falls to the United Kingdom, as the colonial power concerned, or to the Commonwealth as a whole, to determine whether any particular colony should now be advanced to Dominion Status. The issue will shortly arise for the Gold Coast and Nigeria. Can the Union of South Africa blackball these aspirants to membership of the club? Should South Africa, or any Dominion, be free to do this?

Controversy

TO a degree, the problem revolves again around the implications of Dominion sovereignty in regard to the rights of free movement of peoples. For the Indian Ocean area and on the African continent, the conflict of race has now grown into the most bitter controversy within the whole British system, alongside the struggle for Kashmir.

Unofficial exchanges between the Commonwealth capitals have led to the production of a rudimentary formula for enabling Dominions that are racially hostile to operate other common interests alongside. It is suggested that every country has the right to conduct an immigration policy that will avert the growth of racial tension within its own borders. Subject to that, there should be freedom of movement.

El Dorado

IT means, for example, that Australia's admission of Asians on a tiny quota basis does reconcile the principle of freedom of movement with that of avoiding local tension.

But if any such principle became general, it might well result in the diversion of emigrant pressure toward the British Isles. For in the eyes of millions of persons abroad here lies an El Dorado like America, a land with a high standard of living plus full employment.

Over and above the strictly racial tensions between the several Dominions, political tensions take shape. Kashmir is a conflict about a position of strategic value, between two religions and two groups of races. And the stuff of Dr Malan's home and foreign policy is again that urge to defend white supremacy in South Africa which conflicts both with British colonial aims in Central Africa and the High Commission Territories, and with Pandit Nehru's own pretensions on behalf of Indian imperialism.

There have been suggestions, in the constant interchange between Whitehall and Pretoria, that, if South Africa made no objection to Nigerian and Gold Coast graduation as Dominions, Britain should surrender responsibility for the Protectorates.

On this, Lord Swinton and the Prime Minister have been altogether categorical. They have made it clear in public, with the unanimous assent of Parliament, that no circumstances can be imagined in which the Parliament of Westminster would surrender the High Commission Territories without due consultation with the peoples concerned.

Corollary

BUT the corollary of that position is the one stated by the Home Secretary. Her Majesty's subjects, of whatever colour, are free to come and go. It implies that the multi-coloured as well as the multi-racial society is due in Britain, if Britain would advance the multi-coloured and multi-racial principle within the Commonwealth.

After the quarter century when Dominion Status was the primo issue, the Commonwealth and the U.K. face the need to make multi-racialism work, at home as well as oversea.

ENTRENCHING THE ARTS

By LES ARMOUR

London.

WHEREVER the arts are going in Britain, it's not going to be on wheels.

The British Arts Council, the official keeper of the public dole for matters of culture, has decided that the people must come to the arts. It costs too much money to take art to the people.

Henceforth, like the Roman conquerors of old, the Council will scatter "strongholds" in the big cities and there, and there only, art will be defended and disseminated.

As it is, it seems, operas and concerts are just barely keeping the barbarians from overwhelming them.

According to W. E. Williams, the general secretary of the Council, the cost of producing an opera has climbed between 500 and 600 percent in the last generation. But opera-goers have stoutly declined to pay anything more than twice the price of a generation ago.

The cost of presenting a symphony concert to a full house averages out to more than six shillings a head. The average cost of a ticket is only five shillings.

The gap—in simpler terms, it runs to £540 every time the curtain goes up at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden —has to be filled from someone's pocket.

DIGGING IN

Yet the Council's total funds run only to 3d a head a year. If each of us went to a symphony once a year, the Council would need four times its present budget, with nothing left over for an opera.

So the Council is digging in. Mr Williams describes as "idiotic" some of the Council's past heroic assaults on the barbarian. Taking Shakespeare to towns with no theatres, for instance, cost the Council £400 a week, and some of the towns really didn't seem to care.

But even digging in is unlikely to solve the long-term problem.

To meet that, the Council is thinking of things like the "Nantwich Plan."

Nantwich is tossing bread and circuses in with the arts. At dances, for instance, the town council slide paintings into an adjoining room. Some of the money from the dance tickets goes to pay for the cost of the exhibition.

The town is also organising football matches to pay for concerts, and carnivals to pay for the more exotic kinds of art.

Football fans, it seems, don't mind paying for other people's concerts. Or maybe they're encouraged by their enforced investment to take a peek at culture.

"The Third Man" Draw Is Losing Force

AROUND VIENNA with RITCHIE McEWEN

THE stigma of "The Third Man," which has proved to be a better drawing card for tourists than "The Blue Danube" — although touchy Viennese won't admit it — is losing some of its force.

Last year, for instsance, there were only three murders committed in Vienna, a city with 1,760,000 inhabitants, and crime as a whole has fallen by nearly 30 percent.

Even the Russians seem to have entered into the spirit of the times, and only nine kidnappings — including one woman and two children — were engineered by the MVD in 1953.

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ON the reverse side of the medal, the alarming increase in juvenile crime throughout Austria is setting local authorities and police a big problem.

A nation-wide "save the children's morals" campaign is in full swing. Publishers and booksellers take it in turn to offer one "good" book in exchange for a dozen copies of "trashy novels." Under this heading come wild west, gangster and "illicit love" stories.

In Vienna, a recent advertisement for a well-known local brand of nylons had to be "re-touched" because the city fathers objected that the model was showing too much "leg."

In Innsbruck, a special waiting room for passengers under 16 is to be provided on the main railway station, with a special attendant to look after them.

Sometimes the "watch committee" becomes over-zealous. An unfortunate Vienna bookseller has been summoned for putting on sale copies of Voltaire's "Candide," a classic apparently "calculated to harm public morals."

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RECENTLY published occupation statistics show that Britain is far ahead of her sister occupying Powers in helping to reduce the acute housing shortage in Vienna.

According to Austrian statistics, we have only 11 flats and 26 "other items" (including the SS barracks and the adjoining military housing estate at Schoenbrunn) still under requisition.

The French hold 247 flats and 69 "other items"; the Americans 427 flats and 156 "other items", while the Russians occupy no less than 1,386 flats, 386 "other items"—and a further 1,062 properties which have been vacated by the Red Army but not released for civilian use.

Britain, too, has taken the lead by reducing her forces of occupation to about 1,000 men and France has now followed our example.

The Russians, however, still continue to maintain a front-line army of 50,000 men, including artillery and tank units, and several hundred jet fighter aircraft deployed on 11 airfields around Vienna.

Statistically, there is one Russian soldier for every 138 Austrians. But, say the Austrians, this is better than in Russia, where there is an armed man for every 25 inhabitants!!

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IN 1945 the Russians seized 317 Austrian industrial undertakings in their zone on the pretext that they were "ex-German property."

Since then they have been operated by Russian managers under extraterritorial conditions. They pay no taxes, health insurance contributions or customs duties, and balance sheets are not published.

But in spite of these favourable conditions, 67 of them have gone bankrupt this year, and have had to be closed down.

Austrian experts put the blame on the Russian "norm", or quota system, which was adopted a year ago on Moscow orders.

Since the "norm" system was introduced—the quotas are laid down by a central brains trust in the Kremlin—"marketable production" has fallen by 33 to 44 percent.

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THE only extraterritorial "competition" from the Russians still worrying the Austrians is the illicit sale of illegally imported American and Balkan cigarettes, which are sold at about half the price of the taxed Austrian cigarettes.

To encourage the sale of the home product in the face of this cut price competition, the Austrian tobacco monopoly is to hold a series of crossword puzzle competitions by radio. Each packet of cigarettes will contain an entry form, and the first prize will be a flight over the North Pole to New York for a ten-day holiday.

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THE Viennese are taking a good last look at their beloved St Stephens' tower, the "Steffl," for it will be "several years" before they will be able to do so again.

The ancient, bomb-scarred, 448-foot high spire, which dominates the city, is to be hidden behind a mass of scaffolding for extensive repairs.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

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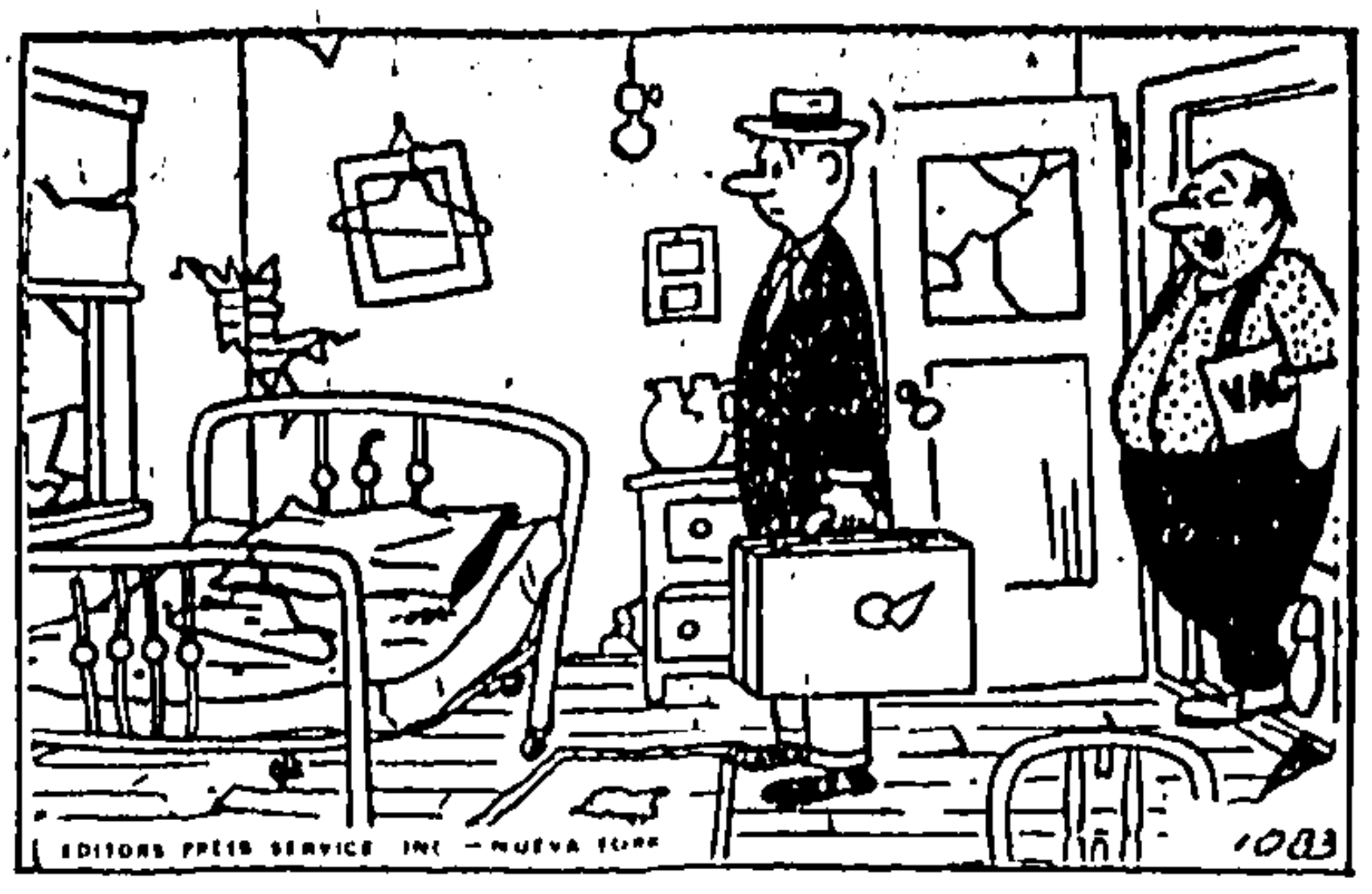
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"I like your looks, young man. If you want a shade on that light all you gotta do is say so."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

DR STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht, lecturing to the Lunar Society at the Boeotian Hall last night, said that the whole approach to the moon was wrong. "Owing to the curving horizon on the earth's periphery, it is clear that a rocket fired at the moon must be fired *sideways*, not upwards. If it rises some 5,000ft. and then swoops sideways, it will be caught in the air-stream midway between the polar axes. The impetus will then carry it round and up, in a wide parabola, so that it converges, in a serial convolution, on the object aimed at." This was loudly cheered. The sage went on to describe how he had proved that a ferret in zinc boots loses its sense of smell when travelling sideways at great speeds. The audience was mystified. One or two applauded heartily.

Test case

A MAN whose water supply was turned off according to schedule put wheels on his bungalow and claimed that it was a caravan. In the presence of four welfare officers, three policemen, a Government spy, a rate-assessor, seven council officials, a J.P., two members of the local agricultural committee, a regional supervisor, a planning official, a Board of Works supply and maintenance officer, an informer, a surveyor, and a wheelwright, he signed an undertaking that if he could obtain a permit to apply for a licence to receive ordinary tap-water, not exceeding two pints, from a householder, he would not use the water, pending inquiry, for industrial or business purposes.

Getting down to it

DEAR SIR,

Yesterday, observing four dirty bus-tickets on the pavement in Oxford Street, I bent down to pick them up. A gentleman trod on my hand and, instead of apologising, he said sarcastically, "Do you collect these things?" If everyone picked up litter our streets would be more fitting to be called the hubs of our Empire. Could not children be taught in schools to retrieve these unsightly disfigurements of our national life? I often arrive home with my pockets bulging with rubbish salvaged from kerbs and gutters.

Yours faithfully,
Ambrose Gulcher.

Printer's frolic

The oldest post-office assistant in Britain is 98I.
(News item.)

SHE remembers quite well a man coming into the village post office to buy a stamp for a letter to his aunt and giving her the news of Harold's defeat at Hastings. And she has kept a copy of a telegram from a Crusader to his mother in 1097: *Just got to Constantinople love to all.*

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

BORN today, you have an exceptionally sensitive nature and one that is highly susceptible to moods. You are either on top of the world with optimism—or down in the dumps. Your emotions are near the surface and you instantly show what and how you feel. There are times when you enjoy a lot of gaiety—and others when you want to be left strictly alone with your own thoughts, hopes and dreams! Literature, science, philosophy and history are but a few of the fields in which you might find exceptional success. You have a sharp eye for the significant fact and have the ability to interpret it so that all can understand.

You keep your own counsel and work along on an idea until you are ready to announce it. Once accomplished, however, you will tell the world. But until that time, you keep it a deep, dark secret. That is one reason why you are such a surprise to even your closest friends who may not realise what you are thinking about until the job is done!

When it comes to marriage, be careful of the one you select, for one of your temperament needs harmony to bring complete happiness. Someone born under Cancer or Sagittarius probably would bring you contentment. You may need to learn that one lesson of true love is giving as well as receiving!

Among those who were born on this date are: James Montgomery Flagg, artist; Florence Evans and Philip Barry, playwrights; William Larsell, astronomer; Blanche Sweet and Dick Foran, film stars; John R. Thomas, architect.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Here's another week-end in June. If the weather is propitious, get into the country or to the seashore.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A small detail you almost overlooked could prove vitally important to your future! So be careful.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Not everything is gold that glitters, you know, so be on your guard against being fooled. Play safe today.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Take full advantage of your free week-end. If you have work that must be done finish it early this morning.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Get off on a camping or hiking trip if at all possible. It would be good for your health.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—This should be a fine week-end. Make your plans carefully so that everything will work out on schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Even if the weather is unpredictable, be ready to adjust your plans to whatever happens.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Take full advantage of the day to relax tensions and forget work-a-day worries and troubles. Have fun.

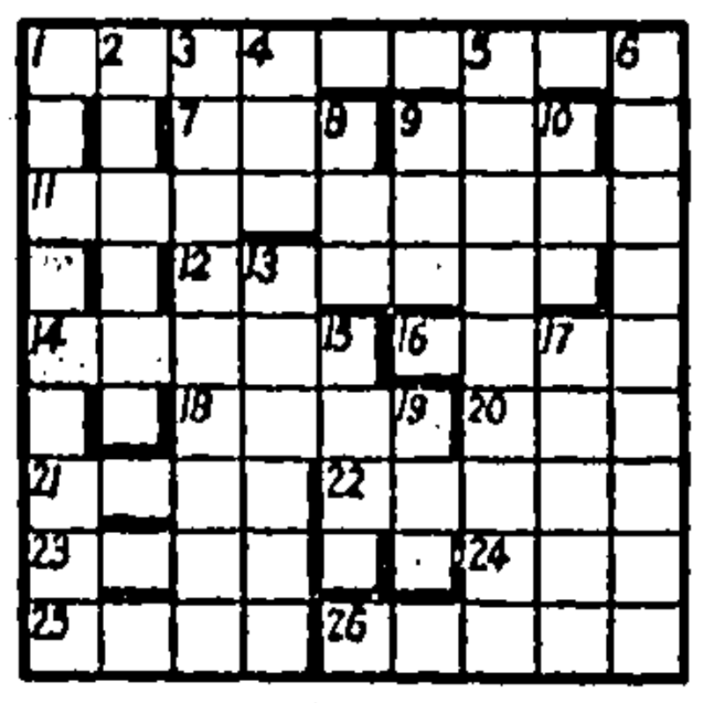
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Exert your will and go out after exactly what you want. Today is when you could get it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Be conservative in your plans for today and tomorrow. Rest, rather than excitement, is really what you need.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Make this day count for something important. Lay concrete plans and then follow them explicitly.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Make the most of an auspicious aspect in your affairs to accomplish something really important.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Does this mean a short hearing for the barrister ? (5, 4)
7. It gives the lie of the land. (3)
9. It goes along with an even. (3)
11. Whisper and he'll understand. (3, 6)
12. Produce bitterness. (6)
14. Give way. (5)
16. The peer and this made a Gilbertian sub-title. (4)
18. Land of twins ? (4)
20. Article of wear to keep things under. (3)
21. Do use this river—it's hidden ! (4)
22. The leather issue definitely will be ready—that's hidden too ! (5)
23. Normandy battle town. (4)
24. Brother James has one. (3)
25. A touch of romance. (4)
26. Double acts, alas extinct. (5)

Down

1. Is this hat made of hay ? (9)
2. Is and I split ran. (6)
3. See, with a ship inside, comes up to the upset prim. (9)
4. Give this, and listen. (3)
5. If you are this, things go in one 4 Down and out the other. (9)
6. They were, it is said, found among old-time wrestlers. (3, 6)
8. You've got to have ink with this. (8)
9. Look what came out of an acorn ! (3)
10. Mary ! The cattle are right across this river ! (3)
13. They're far from home. (9)
15. See it?—It's here ! (5)
17. "Laughing" is called wireless. (5)
19. Coronation one went to m a n y a child. (3)

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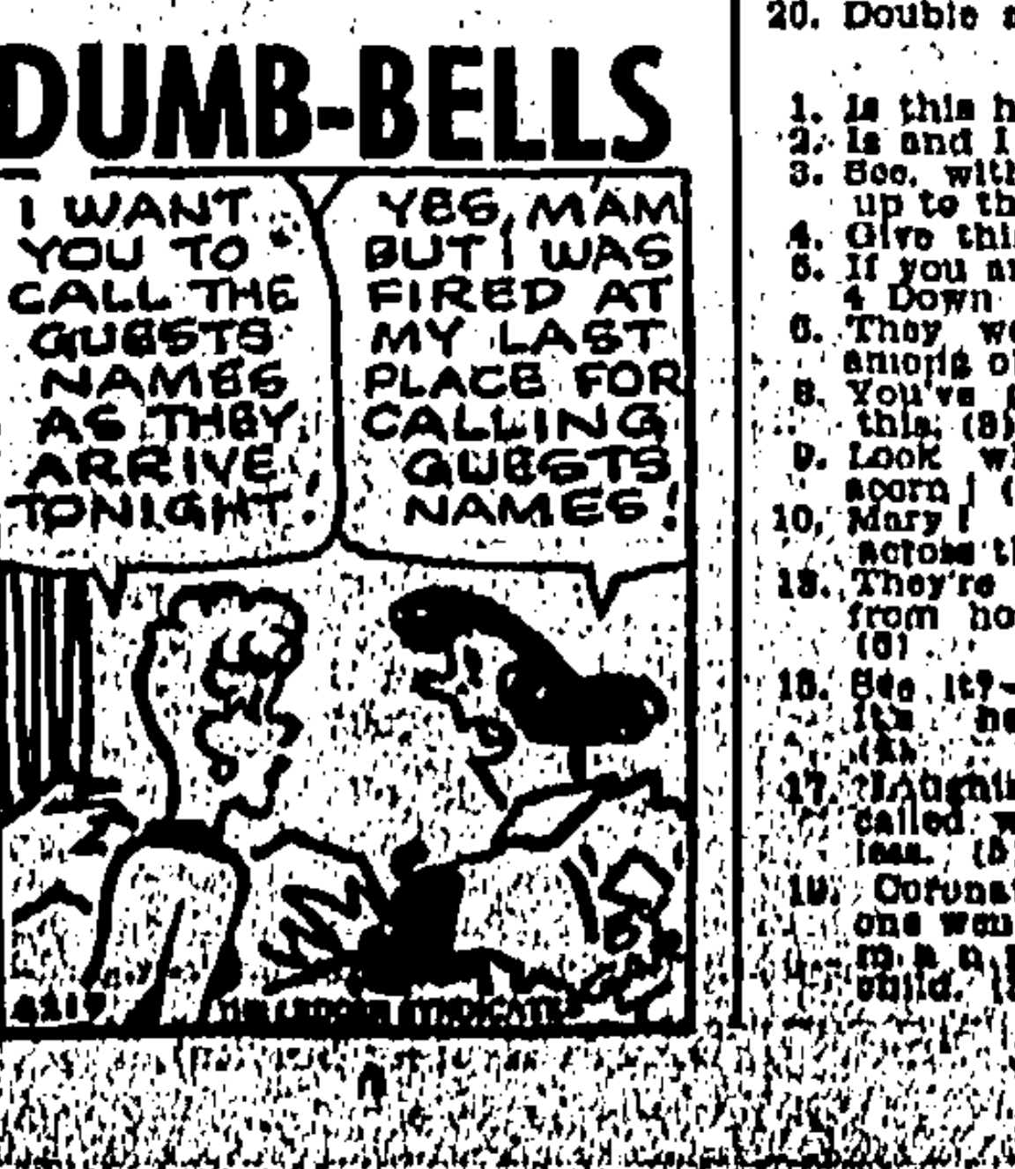
Yesterday's solution


DUMB-BELLS
I WANT YOU TO CALL THE GUESTS NAMES AS THEY ARRIVE TONIGHT.
YES, MAM BUT I WAS FIRED AT MY LAST PLACE FOR CALLING GUESTS NAMES!

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Push Foe Hard; Win Many Games

By OSWALD JACOBY

"HOW on earth did you get so high?" I asked my friend, Dave Ostrich, one of Baton Rouge's best-known experts. We were talking about the Regional Tournament that took place in New Orleans last March and we got sidetracked onto bridge hands, as all bridge conversations eventually do.

"That was easy," Dr Ostrich pointed out. "We needed an unusually good score, so I pushed unusually hard. Also, I thought the opponents might sacrifice at five hearts, and I was willing to do business with them if they did so."

The story is a familiar one. You find yourself in a very ambitious contract, and you must dream up a line of play that has some chance to succeed. How do you go about it?

When Dr Ostrich actually played this hand, East won the first trick with the ace of hearts and returned the seven of diamonds. Declarer played low, and West won with the jack. West promptly returned the king of diamonds, and South won with the ace.

NORTH 15
♠ A 6 2
♥ 8 4
♦ 9 3 2
♣ K 7 6 4 2

WEST
♠ Q J
♥ K Q J 7 6 2
♦ K Q J
♣ J 9

EAST
♠ 7 4 3
♥ A 10 5 3
♦ 7 6 5
♣ Q 10 8

SOUTH (D)
♠ K 10 9 8 5
♥ 9
♦ A 10 8 4
♣ A 5 3

North-South vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♥
4 ♠ (!)	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♥ K

After much anxious thought, Dr Ostrich cashed the king and ace of spades, noting the fall of the queen and the jack with great relief. This was a good beginning, but there was still the problem of avoiding the loss of a club trick.

In order to solve this problem he next ruffed dummy's remaining heart in his own hand, cashed the two top clubs, and threw West in with a diamond.

This line of play caught West in an end play. He was obliged to return a heart, permitting dummy to ruff while South discarded his losing club. South could next get to his hand by ruffing a club to draw East's last trump. Declarer's last diamond was then good for his tenth trick.

♥♣ CARD Sense ♠♦

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Diamond	1 Spade	2 Clubs	Pass
?			

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-7, Hearts J-9-3, Diamonds A-K-Q-3-2, Clubs 7-5. What do you do?

A—Bid two no-trump. You have two probable stoppers in the enemy's bid suit, and it is important to show this fact since otherwise your partner will have to steer away from no-trump. You would prefer to have some strength in the unbid suit also, but you must get along on what you have.

TODAY'S QUESTION

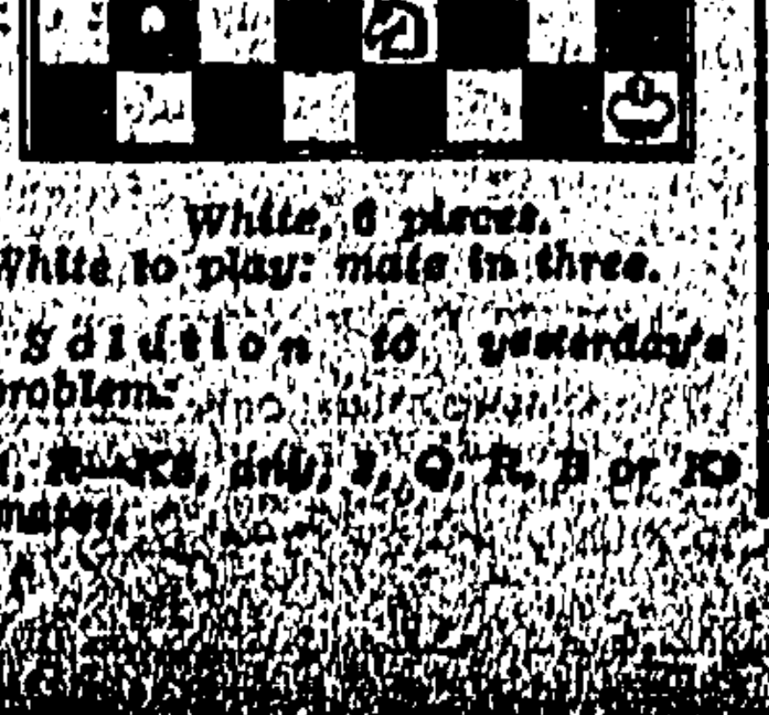
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-J-7, Hearts A-9-3, Diamonds A-K-Q-3-2, Clubs 7-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. LIMBACH

Black, 6 pieces



White, 6 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. [illegible], any; 2. Q, R, B or Kt mates.

WOMANSENSE

FASHION PARADE AT EPSOM

The sun brought these attractive visitors to Epsom on Oaks Day. They are displaying fashion styles from London's leading fashion houses.—Express Photo.

COLOUR ADDS CHEER TO KITCHEN

WE'RE all for more colour in kitchens, and we just can't agree with some of our friends who insist that they prefer the lily-white, cold, lab or workshop sort of room.

No, we certainly don't believe that the kitchen should be a riot of colour complete with various dodads. But we think that since so much of a woman's time is spent in the kitchen, it should be bright and cheerful

DINING NOOK

Kitchens are getting bigger, say the builders, a sort of extra living room and, with the dinning room pretty near obsolete, meals are eaten in the adjacent dining nook, which is also becoming very decorative.

Having a cheerful kitchen won't cut down on efficiency: The scientific placement of the working parts, good equipment, a place for everything—these are what make for kitchen efficiency. For the rest, let's be gay and make the kitchen a room to enjoy.

Work out a colour scheme and, as accessories are added or renewed, buy colourful ones. Go in for pottery, both in individual pieces and mixing bowls, and palce them on open shelves.

If the budget at the moment doesn't allow for new kitchen accessories, then paint sugar, flour and other cannisters a bright colour. When the budget does allow and it's time to renew stove or refrigerator, have a look at some of the tinted models. For the present, add to these large white areas by such devices as a row of potted bright geraniums on the kitchen window sill if you decide that a bit of red is what will do the trick. A red and white checked tablecloth is cheerful, too.

A gay wallpaper can sometimes add a charming note and set the colour scheme for a kitchen just as well as paint can. The pattern will depend on the area of exposed wall space, the type of cabinets and the effect you want to achieve.

DRAMATIC PAPER

If cabinets cover most of the wall, then a dramatic paper and bold colours are suitable. But if wall areas are large, then a medium scale is wise. There are delightful kitchen papers, most of them washable, and done in light, clear colours.

If you like the friendly informality of a Provincial kitchen the cabinets may be naturally finished wood or painted with bright designs to match a colour in the wallpaper. Gay peasant, or plaid papers give a definite Provincial feel to a kitchen.

And don't forget that copper-bottom or stainless steel utensils hanging on a wall above or by the range suggest the quaint copper pans of the old French kitchens or an early American kitchen with its big fireplace.

— Eleanor Ross

RECIPES FROM THREE COUNTRIES

For An Unusual Touch—

HERE are some suggestions for an evening meal which will give it an unusual touch.

First try a Greek salad. This consists of uncooked, shredded white cabbage, beetroot, olives and capers, with a dressing of four parts vinegar to three parts oil, a little mustard, salt and pepper.

Next make some tvorozhniki. These are Russian cream cheese cakes.

8ozs. cream cheese; 4ozs. flour; 2ozs. melted margarine; 2 eggs; salt, nutmeg.

Rub the cheese through a sieve. Mix in the flour, margarine, eggs, nutmeg, and salt. Divide the mixture into small balls, roll lightly in flour, and fry in deep fat. Serve with melted butter.

And here is a very sweet "sweet" from India.

8ozs. semolina; 8ozs. margarine; 8ozs. sugar; 4ozs. stoned raisins; 4ozs. blanched almonds; 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon, a little ginger.

Put the sugar in a saucepan with one pint of water, and cook until it thickens to a syrup. Brown the semolina in the margarine, stirring all the time. Add the rasins, almonds, and spices, and finally the syrup. Mix thoroughly and pour into moulds. Leave until cold.

—London Express Service.

The Embassy's Lady Moves To A Flat

London.

A FEW weeks ago Lady Harvey's housekeeping bills came to hundreds of pounds a week. Today they would be nearer £15.

Dark-haired, brown-eyed Lady Harvey was for six years mistress of the elaborate Paris Embassy, where her husband Sir Oliver Harvey was British Ambassador. There she played hostess to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, ordered a staff of 15, and catered most days for lunch and dinner guests.

Since Sir Oliver's retirement in April, the Harvey home has been a three-roomed furnished flat in Mount Street, Mayfair, with one resident maid. "Too small to entertain anyone except our children and relations in a dining alcove," says Lady Harvey, "and most days we go out for lunch, and picnic in the evening."

SHE CUT STAFF BY 10

The £22,390 allowances for the Paris Ambassador have been under fire in the House of Commons recently. But Welsh-born Lady Harvey does not give the appearance of a woman who would stand by and watch money wasted.

"When we first arrived in Paris we felt we were over-staffed," she told me. "My first task was to cut the staff from 25 to 15."

Her present practical outlook comes from years of adaptation. "We always seem to be moving from enormous houses into two-roomed flats and making violent financial adjustments as our income is halved, quartered or doubled in my husband's various posts."

Her present apartment, with its burgundy furnishings and powder-blue walls follows a house so vast "that I never really counted the rooms."

DISADVANTAGES

What are the chief disadvantages of condensing your home so drastically? I asked. For Lady Harvey's problem is the problem of thousands of people today who are dreaming of selling large, staffless houses and moving into service flats.

"Three major troubles," says Lady Harvey. "First, we are so used to space we fall over ourselves all the time.

"Secondly, there is only one desk, so I have nowhere to keep my papers and letters.

"And only one wardrobe each, which won't begin to hold the clothes we needed for our official job." Lady Harvey has had to store most of her clothes until she finds the sort of flat she is looking for, which she calls a "two of everything flat."

One consolation: she expects her large wardrobe of clothes, which was essential to her position in Paris, "will last me to the end of my days."

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Minor disadvantages, Lady Harvey tells me, "are the one bathroom when we've been used to one each. Now we always seem to decide to wash at the same time." The kitchenette is so small it hardly holds their French maid, who has been with them 22 years. Another contrast after the £7,000 kitchens in Paris.

......AND BOOKSHELF

"The hardest things to part with are one's personal treasures," says Lady Harvey. "We went to Paris with 200 books and came back with 1,000. Here we have one tiny bookshelf. We collect modern paintings, Chinese porcelain and old silver, but all these have had to go into store." Three small pictures only—one an exquisite Degas—hang on her present sitting-room walls, "to make me feel at home."

Adapting herself to her baby flat and her new life has been no hardship to Lady Harvey. The sense of humour and interest and joy in living that made her so successful a hostess in Paris are helping her to enjoy pocket edition life in London too.

"Best thing about living alone in a small space," says Lady Harvey romantically, "you get to know one another all over again. That has been fun, too."

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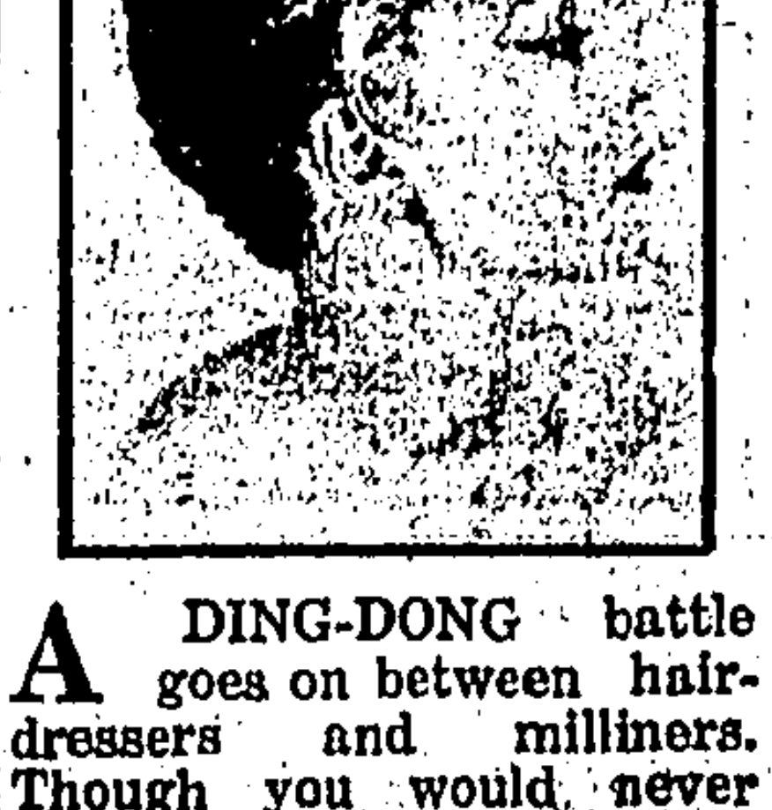
—(London Express Service)

— Eileen Ascroft

One Version Of Eton Crop



A DING-DONG battle goes on between hairdressers and milliners. Though you would never guess it if you heard the sweet billing and cooing.

A good hairstyle takes the place of hat; hair is nature's crowning glory, so don't spoil it by hiding it under a hat, coo the hairdressers.

Nonsense, retort the milliners. Everyone needs a hat not only to complete an outfit, but also to keep the hair tidy.

The score to date: the hairdressers have won over the younger generation; the milliners, the older people.

To prove the hairdressers' point—and to highlight the "crowning glory"—comes this softer version of the Eton crop, specially designed for the younger generation. (Illustrated). The hair is cut short, set in reverse curls, and brushed up to fall on the brow. Smoke blonde touches are added discreetly for those who like that kind of thing.

But note the stylist's word of warning: "This is the ideal hair-do for a piquant young face," he says.

Only if you have the elfish looks of an Audrey Hepburn will you carry it off.

—(London Express Service)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Merry-Go-Round Ride's Fun

—But Knarf Had His Heart Set on a Real Gallop—

By **MAX TRELL**

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, couldn't remember who told it to him, but someone said that often, at dusk, the painted merry-go-round horses in the park were seen galloping down the bridle path with dwarf merry-go-round musicians riding on their backs.

It might have been Cricket who saw them, or Chirpie Sparrow. At any rate, Knarf was determined to have a gallop on a merry-go-round horse's back.

Some Blow Horns

So at dusk he slipped away and a few minutes later he reached the merry-go-round. In the centre the dwarf musicians were playing, some blowing horns, others playing fiddles, two of them beating drums. And round and round the outside circled the painted horses. Up and down they bobbed as they circled. Here and there a child was riding on their backs, going up and down with them.

But the best horse of all—white as snow with a golden saddle and silver stirrups—had no rider at all. Knarf waited until it came around, then he sprang on its back.

He leaned over and whispered in the horse's ear. "Giddap! Take me for a gallop! Jump off the merry-go-round!"

Up and down ... round and round, went the horse. But it didn't jump off. It didn't take Knarf for a gallop. It seemed to the shadow-boy that the two dwarf drummers were scowling. He paid no attention to them.

Knarf leaned over the horse's head once more.

"I know where there's a beautiful field of grass. It's the thickest and greenest grass you're ever seen. Come—I'll show you where it is!"

Getting Dark

Still the merry-go-round horse kept going up and down ... round and round. But now the drummers were really scowling. There was no doubt about it.

For the third time Knarf leaned over. It was getting dark now.

Knarf whispered in the horse's ear: "Take me for a gallop."

"When we get around to the other side, where the path leads out of the park, you jump with all your might. Do you understand me? Jump with all your might!"

With that Knarf touched the horse with the back of his heels. Suddenly the drummers pounded with their drum-sticks. BOOM!

Up sprang the horse.

Off sprang Knarf head over heels, straight into a hedge!

When he finally picked himself up, the merry-go-round had stopped. [illegible]

Rupert and Billy Goat—14

Rupert cheerfully falls in with Billy's idea. "Let's find another way to go down," he suggests, "so that we don't use the same bit of cliff." As they move across the hillside, [illegible] patches of snow and Rupert [illegible]

"Look, those are very like the footprints we saw before. Some one else has [illegible] not long ago." [illegible]

A new story

Rupert and the Wild Goose Chase

Cultured Pearls
FALCONERS

WORLD CUP SOCCER

ENGLAND AND BELGIUM BATTLE TWO HOURS TO SHARE EIGHT GOALS

Berne, June 17.

England and Belgium battled for 120 minutes in their opening World Soccer Cup match at Basle today to draw 4-4.

Belgium dominated the early play and went ahead after five minutes but England rallied to lead 2-1 at half time. They forged ahead to 3-1 but Belgium struck back to equalise and force extra time. England scored first in the extra period but Belgium were soon back on terms when England left-half Jimmy Dickenson put through his own goal.

In another Group 4 first series game Switzerland provided an upset by beating seeded Italy 2-1 after 1-1 at half-time at Lausanne. Italy won the Cup in 1934 and 1938.

In group 2, Hungary, Olympic Champions and one of the favourites for the Cup, outplayed South Korea to win 9-0 in Zurich after leading 4-0 at the interval.

At Berne, Germany defeated Turkey 4-1 after being level one-all on the first half.

THREW AWAY CHANCES

England did little against Belgium to cause any great enthusiasm. They threw away their chances and allowed the Belgians to draw level with two breakaways.

After an extremely poor start England got on top and goals by Broadis and Lofthouse wiped out the Belgians' early goal scored by Anoul.

Broadis made it 3-1 after half-time and England seemed to have the game safe but they appeared to slacken and Anoul and Coppens snapped up two goals within six minutes to level the scores.

Within two minutes of extra time Lofthouse scored a great goal to give England the lead, but two minutes later Dickinson back-headed a harmless-looking shot into the corner of his own goal.

Play deteriorated as both teams tired and England finished with four men limping—Matthews, Owen, Taylor and Lofthouse.

HUNGARY 8, KOREA 0

The little wiry Koreans gave their Hungarian rivals many anxious moments at the start, but then the Hungarians produced their characteristic precision football to coast home.

Hungary rested their star centre-forward, Hidekuti, for sterner matches ahead.

Kocsis scored three goals, Puskas and Palotas two each and Lantos and Czibor scored one.

The Koreans showed no signs of being intimidated by their opponents' reputation. Speed and quick reflexes, dare-devil determination and good ball control were the weapons with which the Koreans battled. But once the Hungarians settled down Korea were never in the game.

Germany opened their programme with an impressive display of teamwork against Turkey. The Germans were one down in two minutes but were level 1-1 at half-time.

The Germans refused to become rattled by the goal scored by Suat in a brilliant solo effort after two minutes. They settled down to fine progressive methods and gradually overcame the individuality of the Turks' play.

German scorers were Schaefer, Kludt and Owalter (2).

Switzerland were rather fortunate to win against Italy, but their coolness under pressure and opportunism in attack brought them their reward.

Play became robust in the closing stages and three Swiss players suffered minor injuries in tackles.

A disallowed goal appeared to upset the Italians in the second half. Left-winger Lorenz netted a rebound from a post but the referee blew up for an alleged foul by an Italian forward.

Ballaman opened the scoring for Switzerland but Boniperti equalised a minute before half-time. Centre-forward Huegi scored the Swiss winning goal against the run of play in the 78th minute.

The Second series in all four groups will be played at the week-end. Each of the 16 countries plays only two of the three others in their group. The leading pair go forward to form the last eight in the tournament.—Reuter.

KOREANS PRAISED

Zurich, June 17.

The Swiss afternoon paper "Die Tag" tonight was full of praise for the sportsmanship shown by South Korea's World Cup XI in the game against Hungary but had less to say about the team's technical ability.

"Hungary was in complete control of the game and displayed an artistry that made the South Korean XI look like a minor league team," Die Tag said.

"Nevertheless, the South Koreans managed to organise a few dangerous attacks, and even got a chance to score. Unfortunately they spoiled this possibility," the paper went on.—United Press.

MARCIANO WINS ON POINTS

New York, June 17.

Rocky Marciano successfully defended his World Heavyweight Championship against challenger Ezzard Charles at New York's Yankee Stadium today, but only won on points after 15 rounds of one of the bloodiest fights in heavyweight history.

Charles won the first four rounds and Marciano the last five. Charles drew blood from Marciano's nose in the first round and in the fourth round he landed a hard right which sent blood streaming from a gash over Marciano's right eye.

The defending Champion continued fighting savagely in a battle that saw more punches landed than have been seen in many years in a heavyweight fight.

Charles came out for the 13th round with one eye almost closed but hit Marciano on the jaw at least six times in this same round. The savage exchange of blows continued through the last two rounds and the final bell saw Charles badly rocking but still on his feet as Marciano mercilessly pounded him.—United Press.

MRS PEEL WINS SCOTTISH GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs R. T. Peel (Gullane) won the Scottish Women's Golf Championship at Turnberry by defeating the holder, Mrs G. Valentine (Craigie Hill) by 7 and 6 over 36 holes.

Mrs Peel was four under fours for 30 holes after completing the first 18 in 67.

Her great strength lay in her putting for no fewer than 12 greens she got down in one, twice from just off the putting surface.—(London Express Service).

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Pakistan 179 For 5 Against Scotland

Edinburgh, June 17.

At the close of play in the second day of their match against Scotland, the Pakistan cricket tourists had scored 179 for five in reply to Scotland's first innings total of 353 for seven declared.

All five wickets were lost after the luncheon interval. Scotland declared half an hour before lunch and Pakistan could only make three runs in that short period.—Reuter.

IN TRAINING

The American Wightman Cup team — L. to R.—Miss Shirley Fry, Doris Hart, Louise Brough and Maureen Connolly — are seen here at Wimbledon, where they are training for their coming match.

Later they will play in the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships, and experts predict that Maureen Connolly is likely to retain the Women's Lawn Tennis Championship for the third year in succession. —Express Photo.

Never Say Die Runs Fourth —Lester Piggott Suspended For Rest Of Royal Ascot

Ascot, June 17.

Never Say Die and Arabian Night, first and second in the year's Epsom Derby, were both beaten out of place in a dramatic race for the King Edward VII Stakes, run over 12 furlongs, at the Royal meeting which was continued here today.

Arabian Night, made 18 to eight favourite, seemed likely to win until he suddenly collided with the rails inside the last furlong. As he skidded back Arabian Night appeared to cause some scrimmaging from the Aga Khan's Tarjoman, a 100 to six chance, with Blue Prince half a length back third. Never Say Die, who started seven to four second favourite, finished fourth.

Eighteen - year - old Lester Piggott, who was astride Never Say Die in his Derby triumph, rode him again today. Later he was interviewed by the stewards and suspended for the remainder of the meeting.

Piggott said he will appear before the stewards of the Jockey Club tomorrow before racing begins. The young jockey said he was told he should not have gone through where he did coming into the straight.

At first the stewards made objection to Raishleigh, the winner, but this was withdrawn later.

FRANCE WINS GOLD CUP

Royal Ascot's richest prize, the Gold Cup, went to France for the fifth time since the war when Marcel Boussac's four-year-old Elpenor prevailed by a short head over another French challenger, M George Courtois' Silex II.

French jockey Paul Blanc dashed Silex into the lead soon after entering the straight. Elpenor, ridden by Jacques Doyasbere, caught Silex a furlong out and held off a renewed challenge by Blanc on Silex in a camera-finish to the gruelling two and a half miles race.

English horse Blarney Stone was two lengths further away, third in a field of 11. Elpenor, a 100 to eight chance, gave Englishman Charlie Elliot, who won the race last year on Souepi, his first big training success.

Last year's St. Leger winner, Premonition, who started four to one joint favourite with another French horse, Northern Light, finished fourth. Souepi, attempting a rare double in the race, was kept last for a long way by Sir Gordon Richards. He made little progress in the straight to finish seventh.

Ireland's only runner, the filly Northern Gleam, with Aubrey Brabazon up, took up the running when pacemaking French horse Terek dropped back to finish sixth.

It was Marcel Boussac, the French textile magnate's third Gold Cup winner since the war. Caracalla (1946) and Arbar (1948) were his other winners. Elpenor's success brought him £11,772 of the £13,850 stake money.

Sir Gordon Richards, Britain's No. 1 reinsman, who drew a blank on the first two days, today rode three winners. He began today with an easy win and then won the second race on Tamerlane at seven to two.

Narcissus, a newcomer owned by the Queen, was the only Royal colour bearer today. He was well backed to win the New Stakes but finished only sixth to Tamerlane, Sir Gordon's second winner.

Her Majesty will have three runners, Aureole, Landau and Corporal, tomorrow. Aureole in the Hardwicke Stakes is reckoned to have a good chance of registering a Royal win.—Reuter.

PROBABLES

London, June 17.

Nineteen probables and jockeys for the Wokingham Stakes running over six furlongs at 1445 GMT at Ascot tomorrow are:

March Past (no jockey yet), Oleanbrin (Sir Gordon Richards), Libator (T. Divlin), Fur Eaby (E. Britt), Roman Vale (W. Nevett), Palpitate (W. Smith), Military Court (E. Mercer), Langton Brig (E. Smith), Stone Fox (G. Littlewood), Noble Charger (J. Sime), Blason (G. Ewis), Little Richard (H. Packham), The Blessing (D. Smith), Jojo (D. W. Morris), Comic Turn (E. Larkin), Greek Peak (D. Forte), Pneumatic (W. Swinburn), Mr Mock (A. Shrive) and Loll (R. Reader.)—China Mail Special.

NEXT HKRA SPOON SHOOT ON JULY 4

The regular bi-monthly Spoon shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association was held at Kai Tak "A" Range last Sunday when 31 members turned out to shoot despite unsettled weather conditions. The sky was overcast with a strong south-westerly wind and the day was very warm.

The highest score returned was that of Major Ensor, 97 out of a possible 105 for S.R.(a) rifle. Results follow:

S.R.(b) Class "A"—R. F. Remedios 92 points; Class "B"—L/C H. E. Hyndman 88; Class "C"—F/S J. Stubbings 91;

S.R.(a) Class "A"—Major Ensor 97 points; Class "C"—S/S C. F. Reeves 80.

The next Spoon shoot will be held at Kai Tak "A" Range on Sunday, July 4, starting at 9 a.m.

I BLAME THE BOSSES FOR THE PRESENT STATE OF ENGLISH FOOTBALL

Says JAMES GUTHRIE

(Chairman of the Football Players' Union)

You are a professional footballer. You are "employed" by the Football Association to play for England. A great honour. Your confidence is high and out you go to do battle.

Alas, you come unstuck. As a craftsman you've done a poor job. So out pour the streams of abuse.

The Press go for you—rightly, perhaps. You're a public figure. Your excuses are brushed aside.

In the case of Hungary you probably thought "someone should have warned me about this team. They're in a different class."

As Billy Wright said afterwards: "The Hungarians are years ahead of us."

So you stand the Press criticisms. But when the bosses start to undermine your morale with trenchant criticism in public, as some FA selectors have done recently, well, it's time for the worm to turn.

Players can't have confidence in themselves if subjected to public criticism by the men whose job it is to coach, train, and weld these very players into a footballing combination with strong team spirit.

We still have the finest players in the world. What we need is a new system to take us to the top.

RIGHT, CULLIS

Stan Cullis said: "The rot set in at club level. We must correct it there."

How right, but the directors and managers must do the correcting. The players will follow naturally.

Directors must see that players have first-class coaches, tip-top trainers, up-to-date methods.

So much managing and training is in the hands of people not qualified for the task. That's where directors have failed.

The right men are available for each particular job from manager to masseur. Get them. And let them carry out their jobs without interference from men whose knowledge of football is confined mostly to the financial side.

Now how are we to put England back on top of the Soccer tree? I suggest the following:—

1. The FA should have complete control of the game and authority to call on League players for training or playing at any time.

STRONG MAN

2. A panel of practical men under one strong boss, like Gustav Sebes of Hungary, should be put in charge of all training and coaching.

3. A national coaching school should be set up to provide every town and village with facilities for proper physical training and coaching. Players could be graded through various teams until they reached the national side.

Incidentally, this would benefit League sides who would acquire many ready - made players.

4. Matches should be arranged between the national side and League sides to try out various combinations of players and tactical moves.

Where would the money come from? From the pools, of course. Too long has Soccer ignored this rich source of revenue. It could be used to put us on our feet again.

—(London Express Service)

Warwickshire Head County Cricket Table

London, June 17.

Warwickshire, who won the pennant in 1951, forged ahead in this season's English County Cricket Championship table when they whipped Essex by nine wickets with a day to spare at Bath today.

The midlands county now have 96 points from 11 games. Middlesex, who had shared the lead with Warwickshire before the current fixtures, struck bad weather at Swansea, where rain washed out the second day's play in their match against Glamorgan.

With only a short day scheduled for tomorrow Middlesex may have a hard fight to salvage even first innings points.

Eric Hollies bowled Warwickshire into a winning position by taking six Somerset second innings wickets for 47 runs with his accurate leg breaks.

Somerset, 69 runs behind on first innings, were tipped out for 94 in their second knock.

Lancashire moved into the top half of the table when they gained their third victory of the season at the expense of Essex at Liverpool. They claimed the extra half hour to win by eight wickets in two days.

Thanks to some solid batting by Cyril Washbrook and Geoff Edrich, Lancashire gained a first innings lead of 140. Dickie Dodds, the Essex opener, made a bold bid to thwart Lancashire's bowlers and scored 63 out of his side's second innings total of 197.

To Maurice Tompkin, the Leicestershire batsman, went the honour of being the first man to score a century against Yorkshire this season. He batted 4½ hours and hit two sixes and 17 fours in his 149. But this marathon effort was not quite sufficient to give lowly Leicestershire first innings points.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Liverpool: Lancashire beat Essex by eight wickets. Essex 81 (Tattersall six for 33) and 197. Lancashire 227 (J. Bailey five for 56) and 54 for two.

At Derby: Derbyshire 190 and 81 for three. Surrey 302 (Eric Bedser 55, Fletcher 78, Clark 83, Gladwin, right-arm fast-medium, six for 75).

At Northampton: Northampton 262 and 191 for two (Brookes 50, Livingston not out 79). Gloucestershire 140 (Graveney 58, Tribe, left-arm slow, five for 35).

At Nottingham: Worcestershire 86 and 253 for seven. Nottinghamshire 330 (Dooland 61, Martin 54).

At Lord's: MCC 155 and 191 for eight. Cambridge University 232 for four declared.

At Oxford: Sussex 322 for seven declared. Oxford University 347 for five declared (Allan 153, Cowdrey 140).—Reuter.

Cricket close of play scores: At Swansea: Glamorgan 260, Middlesex 39 for two. No play today because of rain.

At Bath: Warwickshire beat Somerset by 9 wickets. Somerset 139 and 94 (Hollies 6 for 47); Warwickshire 208 (Wolton 55, Hilton 17 for 98) and 27 for 1. —Reuter.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Indians Win Their Eighth In A Row

New York, June 17.

The insistent Indians, for whom life is just one winning streak after another, won their eighth in a row at Cleveland today, topping the Senators 6-4 to sweep the three-game series and hold a three-game lead over Chicago in the American League.

Early Wynn was credited with his eighth victory although he had to have relief help from Robert Hooper in the seventh inning. Cleveland took a 3-0 lead in the first inning, when Vic Wertz doubled in a run and Wally Westlake hit a two-run single.

Dave Philley delivered two later runs on sacrifice flies as Cleveland picked up its victory on only five hits. Loser Frank Shea suffered his seventh straight defeat.

The White Sox kept pace by toppling the Athletics 6-4 with a 12-hit barrage. Lefty Jack Harshman won his third game although he needed relief help in the seventh when the A's scored four runs on homers by Bill Wilson and Gus Zernial. Zernial's came with two on.

The Yankees made it three in a row over Baltimore, 9-2, with their eighth victory in the last night games. Mickey Mantle contributed a rare three-run single with a looping fly that fell in front of centrefielder Gil Coan as the Yankees put on a five-run sixth inning to clinch the decision. Jim McDonald pitched a nine-hitter for his fourth victory.

Detroit topped Boston 2-1 on a seven-hitter by George Zuverink who recently shut out the Red Sox. Frank Bolling's single, Zuverink's sacrifice bunt and singles by Harvey Kuenn and Fred Hatfield brought around the winning run in the fifth.

DIDN'T EVEN NEED IT

The Giants made only one hit off rookie Art Fowler today but [illegible] unearned runs in the fifth inning. Walks to winning pitcher Johnny Antonelli and Alvin Dark, coupled with errors by Roy McMillan and Johnny Temple, and an infield out by Monte Irvin brought around both runs.

Antonelli pitched five-hit ball for his ninth victory, giving up no walks. It was New York's sixth in a row.

The Dodgers dropped two games behind the pace-setting Giants, suffering a 0-4 defeat to Jim Wilson of the Braves, who hurled a no-hitter in his last start against the Phils. Hank Aaron, Ed Mathews, and Danny O'Connell hit Milwaukee homers in a 10-hit assault on lefty Johnny Podres. Jackie Robinson hit two homers and Duke Snider one for Brooklyn.

THE SCORES

The scores were:

American League

	R	H	E
Washington	4	7	2
Cleveland	6	6	1
New York	9	10	0
Baltimore	2	10	1
Philadelphia	4	7	2
Chicago	6	12	0
Boston	1	7	2
Detroit	2	9	1

National League

	R	H	E
Cincinnati	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milwaukee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brooklyn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

—United Press.

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Scottish Marathon Winner The Youngest Ever

Flying Officer Joe [illegible] won the Scottish [illegible] Championship ([illegible] miles, [illegible] yards) on May 29 in the [illegible] time of 2 hours [illegible]

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THE GAMBOLS (NOW IN AMERICA)
by Barry Appleby
I CANT SLEEP WITH ALL THAT NOISE IN THE NEXT ROOM
ITS NEARLY THREE O'CLOCK
THEY MUST BE HOLDING A PARTY
I'M GOING TO TELL THEM TO BE QUIET
SOME PEOPLE ARE INCONSIDERATE
I'LL GIVE THEM A PIECE OF MY MIND
HALF AN HOUR LATER
WHAT DID HE SAY, GEORGE ?
HE SAID WHY DON'T YOU COME ON OVER TOO

POINT 4
SURF
FLOATS DIRT AWAY*
*Even the hidden dirt that ordinary products can't reach.
[illegible]

Amateur Leads First Round Of U.S. Open Golf Championship

Springfield, New Jersey, June 17.

Billy Joe Patton matched one of Bobby Jones' finest fairway feats today when he fired a one under par 32-37 (69) to become the first amateur in a quarter-century to lead the first round of the U.S. Open Golf championship.

And in doing so, he paced an assault by the younger members of the fairway fraternity on the long-dominant oldsters as the defending champion, Ben Hogan, carded a 35-36 (71) in search of a record fifth triumph and Sammy Snead scored 35-37 (72) despite an ailing back.

Patton's scrambled 69 put him one shot in front as the field headed into tomorrow's second round, after which the low 50s and ties will go into Saturday's two final rounds.

Just behind him, at even par 70, were Bob Toski Gene Littler and Ted Kroll.—United Press.

WEEK-END LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

Following are the teams selected for league matches tomorrow.

HKCC

2nd Div HKFC v HKCC to-morrow at 4 p.m. at HKCC K B Baker, P Cotter, T Dyer, B I Bickford, M N Rakusen, H Ridsdale, T Poynton, R C Butler, E F Gee, J Monteith, W McColl, K A Baker.

3rd Div HKFC v PRC to-morrow at 4 p.m. at HKFC N Van-Heck, H Van-Echten, S Mills W Taylor; A Boyd-Cowan, G Walker, J W Bennett, H W Smith, W Thom, W Franklin, T Sneddon, L Strange; reserves, P Gardiner, Douglas, W Giles

Police RC

1st Div PRC v Recreio Blue to-morrow at 4 p.m. at PRC H Finney, G Watt, W Hollands, J Goodman; R Yu, C Pope, T Kavanagh, G Perkins, P Metcalfe, A W Hircock, C Gough, J Hayward

2nd Div PRC v KBGC to-morrow at 4 p.m. at KBGC J H Evans, A E Jones, P Lowe, C Willcox; W Jones, D S Roberts, J Fox, A Soutar, E S Jones, A Stewart, A J Bennett, R MacKenzie; reserve, R Woodhead

3rd Div PRC v HKFC to-morrow at 4 p.m. at HKFC E G Jones, V. L. Veriga, R Yoke, G Arliss, W Boxall, G C Morgan, E Lonsdale, W Gillies; J Cairns, J Harris, T P Ross, C Pile, reserve, R Russell.

Filipino Club

1st Div FC v KDC to-morrow at 4 p.m. at FC — A Bachoo, C M. Xavier, Dr V N Atienza, W C. Ogley; D A Rosario, F J Rodrigues, R M V Ribeiro, R. Basa; V.A.V. Ribeiro, A H Souza, C A Coelho, L S Silva; reserve, C M Castilho.

3rd Div FC v KCC to-morrow at 4 p.m. at KCC — L A Peres, H M. Xavier, A D Reis, H A V Ribeiro; L M. Neves, M Rahman, C A S. Pereira, V A. Neves; H F Pereira, F Tan, A J. Coelho, M T Nunes.

HKERC

3rd Div HKERC v IRC to-morrow at 3.30 p.m. at HKERC.—C W. Johnson, A H C. Pinnell, F.A. Golding, W Stoker; E.C. Ratcliffe, P.F. Williams, J.K Mundy, A G Gardner; V. Kruse, R. Stainer, V. Bonch, J. Sloan.

LEAGUE MATCH

In a Second Division lawn bowls match yesterday at Chater Road H.K. Cricket Club defeated Police Recreation Club 5-0.

HKCC (5)		PRC (0)	
H.G. Banham		A. Stewart	
R.J. Wyper		E.S. Jones	
R.A. Edwards		A.J. Bennett	
F. Marshall	27	R. Mackenzie	21
A.S. Mitchell		N. Jones	
L.M.S. Lloyd		D.S. Roberts	
A.A. Wallwork		J. Fox	
D. Trail	19	A. Soutar	13
J. Mouat		J. Evans	
J. McAusland		C. Pile	
C. Rounsfell		P. Lowe	
F. Angus	18	C. Willcox	12
Totals	64		46

TREASURE HUNT AT ABERDEEN ON SUNDAY

Sunday is to see the return of the elusive "Hot-Rod Harry," whose purposeful trail confounded members some four months ago, the Motor Sports Club of Hongkong announced yesterday.

Mobile amateur sleuths will again have the opportunity of exposing the movements of this artful dodger if they gather at the "Builders Rendezvous," Aberdeen, at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, whence the trail commences.

This will be "Hot-Rod Harry's" last appearance, as Mr Francis is departing shortly on a well-deserved home leave, after having, as Secretary, guided the Club through a very active and successful nine months of its second season. Future enquiries should be addressed to Alan Gates, who will be taking over the Secretary's duties.

SOUTH AMERICA'S BID TO RETAIN WORLD SOCCER SUPREMACY

By DENNIS HART

The fifth World Soccer Championship—or Jules Rimet Trophy to give it the correct title—is under way. Switzerland, one of the smallest, quietest nations play host to the larger and more expressive soccer-playing countries of the world. The stadia of Zurich, Geneva, Basle, Berne and Lausanne will echo to a babel of cheers.

July 4 and the final match. Now the voices will have thinned, in variation if not in volume. One language only will resound across the vast Berne stadium greeting the nation to be soccer's No. 1 for the next four years.

The question is what language, what nation is to survive the 19 days' soccer that comes before?

Picking winners is always a "chancy" business. When the choice has to be made from 16 different nations it becomes harder still.

There is, however, one consoling factor. The winners of the World Cup should be worthy ones. Not until the semi-finals do the teams have to take a chance in a straight knock-out competition. Before then seedings and Championship play protect the "giants" from sudden death.

So it is that I expect the winners to come from one of three countries — Hungary, Brazil or Uruguay.

START FAVOURITES

Hungary must start as favourites. England may not be the power she was in soccer, but any country that can beat her 7-1 knows her football.

Hungary—a machine rather than a football team—welded round that great inside forward trio — Puskas, Hidegkuti and Kocsis. They play as though every move has been designed on the draughtsman's table. With their thorough training programme it probably has.

They have now played 30 consecutive matches without defeat. Each game has helped the machine to run more smoothly. But no machine can run indefinitely and each victory has also increased the nervous strain which can herald a breakdown.

Will this breakdown occur during the World Cup? That, of course, is up to the opposition. A side can only play as well as it is allowed to. In their two matches against England, Hungary got on top from the start and dictated play to the finish.

But how would they fare if pressed? Would their machine run smoothly if a spanner, in the form of an early goal from the opposition, were thrown in the works?

That, I think, must be the aim of teams who clash with Hungary—attack from the start and don't let them settle down.

MAY HAVE THE EDGE

This is where Brazil have a chance. Their inside forward trio of Zizinho, Ademir and Jair may even have the edge on the Hungarians for skill. If they can match the Europeans' thrust—and they will have the support of attacking centre-half Brandaozinho—the trophy may remain in South America.

Three weeks sunshine, and I would make Brazil favourites. Conditions would then be similar to those at home.

But what of the holders, Uruguay? With about half the stars who won the trophy in 1950 they must surely come into the reckoning

Perhaps lacking the polish of the Brazilians, their fighting spirit will test the best.

Much depends on whether the captain, Obdulio Varela, is fit. Centre-half, he commands the whole side. A recurrence of his recent injury and Uruguay would be like an army without a general.

So much for the "form horses." How about the outsiders? Just as there are three favourites, I think there are three sides capable of upsetting the book. They are Germany, Yugoslavia and England.

Like Uruguay, Germany's chances centre round one man, a centre-forward this time, Fritz Walter. The brains of the German attack, Walter's touches can make it equal the best in the world

The defence is not of the same standard. But even if Germany do concede a few goals, they are capable of scoring more.

A MIXTURE

Yugoslavia will present a mixture of youth and experience. Centre-half Cajkovski and forwards Vukas, Zebek and Bobek rank with the best. If the newcomers are of the same stamp, Yugoslavia will be a force to be reckoned with.

So to England. And it is not patriotism that makes me include them.

England will go to Switzerland, not as soccer's professors but as the pupils. They will be all the better for it. In the past the English attitude has been a superior one.

I don't think this has been deliberate. Players have gone into matches determined to go all out. But at the back of the Englishman's mind has been the feeling "we thought of this game and natural skill will triumph in the end."

Not now. Englishmen know that in every game the team will have to fight for very survival. They will be all the better for it.

And one final word. This time, England will include Stanley Matthews, now nearly 40 but still the greatest magician with a soccer ball in the world. After the 7-1 win over England, the Hungarians said "You should have included Matthews in the side." They may live to regret that advice. —(London Express Service).

LEAGUE TENNIS

South China and Chinese Recreation Club scored one-sided victories yesterday over Kowloon Cricket Club and H.K. Cricket Club respectively in the Men's "A" Division of the tennis league.

Ladies' Recreation Club edged out Urban Council 5-4 in the same division.

Following are the results:

MEN'S "A" DIVISION

LRC beat Urban C 5-4

Braun and Saubolle (LRC) beat C. S. Cheng and W. K. Chung 6-2; beat V. C. Kung and W. C. Chung 6-1; beat P. Y. Kwok and M. K. Yung 6-1.

Barnett and Story (LRC) lost to C. S. Cheng and W. K. Chung 2-6, lost to V. C. Kung and W. C. Chung 2-6; beat P. Y. Kwok and M. K. Yung 6-0.

Smart and Saul (LRC) lost to C. S. Cheng and W. K. Chung 4-6; lost to V. C. Kung and W. C. Chung 1-6; beat P. Y. Kwok and M. K. Yung, 6-3.

CRC beat HKCC 8-1

V. T. Wong and G. Choe (CRC) beat M. Heenan and T. J. Gould 6-1; beat R. M. MacPherson and J. D. Mackie 6-3; beat R. E. Moore and M. W. H. Calvert 6-4.

Tsui Wai-pui and Wong Sui-wing (CRC) beat M. Heenan and T. J. Gould 6-2; beat R. M. MacPherson and J. D. Mackie 6-2; beat R. E. Moore and M. W. H. Calvert 6-2.

Arthur Choy and Cyril Kotewall (CRC) lost to M. Heenan and T. J. Gould 1-6; beat R. M. MacPherson and J. D. Mackie 6-3; beat R. E. Moore and M. W. H. Calvert 6-1.

SCAA beat KCC 8-1

K. C. Dao and H. Szeto (SCAA) beat A. Augestad and P. Hall 6-0; beat C. Quang and T. Lo 6-4; beat F. Lound and D. Coffey 6-1.

P. Poon and M. [illegible] Lee (SCAA) lost to Augestad and Hall 6-7; beat Quang and Lo 6-1; beat Louns and Coffey 6-1.

T. Liang and S. D. Kho (SCAA) beat Augestad and Hall 6-4; beat Louns and Coffey 6-4.

Empire Games Men Will Be "Doubled Up"

By HAROLD PALMER

England's athletics selectors have a "doubling-up" plan for the Empire Games in Vancouver at the end of next month. Athletes qualified to make a good show in more than one event will get priority in selection.

The team will be picked on Monday, June 21, after the District Championships. So those Championships—the South's are being held at Croydon—will provide the only fresh guide after the British Games.

The men's party will consist of 30 athletes and two officials. It will be good news for the field events men that it is intended that England should have at least one representative in every one of the 22 events, including relays.

The party will not leave until July 24, a week after the AAA Championships, but no performance there will force any change in the team because entries will have closed on July 9.

"We have simply got to stick our necks out," Leslie Truelove, England team manager says. "Somebody might come along and upset all our calculations, but we cannot avoid that. We must give those who are going a fair notice."

It looks as if England will concentrate on making a good show at the middle and long distances.

We shall probably have Roger Bannister running in the Half Mile and the Mile, in which he will have an interesting struggle with the Australian, John Landy.

Bannister's four-minute Mile pacemaker, Chris Chataway, will probably do the Mile and Three Miles. I expect Freddie Green from the Midlands to tackle these events, too.

In the absence of Gordon Pirie, who does not fancy the long journey, little Frank Sando, from Aylesford Paper Mills, may be our best hope in the Three Miles. I expect him to attempt Six Miles as well.

PETERS' CHANCES

Jim Peters, of Essex Beagles, will have the chance of another track performance before he goes into the Marathon. He will be invited, I have no doubt, to run in the Six Miles on the opening day as well as the Marathon which comes at the end of the week.

Other doubles are likely to be tried by Derek Johnson, sturdy little Oxford University secretary, who must have a good chance in both Quarter and Half Mile.

—(London Express Service.)

The Detractors Are After Pirie And Bannister

By ARCHIE QUICK

The detractors are after our great athletes. "Roger Bannister not so good as we thought;" "Is Gordon Pirie's training wrong" blaze the headlines. What uninformed, tommy rot!

Let us take this thing sport. The Four Minute Miler who has so recently done such a great job of work for British athletics, runs a half mile at the White City—repeat half mile—in 1 min. 51.8 secs. and finishes a close second to a world ranking Czechoslovakian. Then the squeals begin.

"Bannister cannot run in competitive races; is only good in arranged events," was just one of a dozen comments, fatuous if they were not serious.

Gordon Pirie, without the help of any pacemakers, finishes his three miles alone in 13 mins. 47.4 secs. and wins by 40 yards. But he was 11 secs. outside his own British record, and up again went the howls. What do the critics want? A new world or British record every time I suppose.

EVERESTS TO CLIMB

What would they say of a Derby racehorse which showed its peak form in April? Bannister and Pirie, who, with Chris Chataway, are the main props on which the home track game rests, have goals ahead, ambitions, Everests to climb.

With Pirie it is his duel with Emil Zatopek at the European Games at Berne in August; Bannister has his eyes fixed on his clash with Australia's John Landy in the Empire Games at Vancouver in July.

Why should they be ready now, nearly a month even before the Amateur Athletic Association's National Championships? And Bannister is trying half miles only to whip up speed. Remember too that his [illegible] world [illegible] effort must have taken something from him.

The late Jack Lovelock once told me that a man has only one perfect mile race in him a year and that he should schedule himself to work to that peak on the day that mattered.

The great New Zealander did just that in the 1,500 Metres in the 1936 Olympic Games at Berlin. So let us have no more knocking of Bannister, Pirie, Chataway and their like who are amateurs and their own masters.

These three were the chief reasons why 75,000 people crowded London's White City over the Whitsuntide holiday, and it is from meetings such as these that the revenue is derived to keep British Athletics ticking so successfully as they are just now.

The game gets the ha'pence; the unpaid performers get the kicks. A man of Bannister's temperament could easily go sour over such unwarranted balderdash.

Derek Johnston's remarkable 880 Yards in 1 min. 50.2 secs—only Sydney Wooderson has ever run the distance faster—proves how wealthy Great Britain is in middle-distance talent, but where, oh where, are the [illegible]

What Is This Game Called Korfball?

Caught! A korfball girl intercepts a high pass.

What is this game korfball, at which Holland trounced England 7—1.

It is a Dutch form of netball, played on a field about the size of a football pitch. It is the only game in the world with rules specifying a mixed team.

Six men and six girls play in each team. But a girl must not tackle a man, and a man must not tackle a girl.

The basket in which goals are scored is on a post 11½ft. high.

Any player who catches the ball must stand still and throw from that spot. And there is no running with the ball.

All this adds up to a fast, intricate, graceful game which is thrilling to watch.

Eight years ago a Dutch business man in London introduced the game to Britain.

Now the British Korfball Association has branches in Sheffield, Rotherham, and Derby.

—Anne Coupar

—(London Express Service)

A GREAT SHOCK FOR THE QUEEN'S TRAINER

By CLIVE GRAHAM

Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochfort, who trains some of the Queen's racehorses, was fined £100 on June 10, the maximum which can be imposed by the stewards of the Jockey Club. His jockey, 30-year-old Royce Burrows, had his riding licence withdrawn until July 3.

These actions by Jockey Club stewards Major-General Sir Randle Feilden, the Duke of Norfolk, and Major R. MacDonald-Buchanan (acting for Lord Willoughby de Broke) were the sequel to the race for the £2,000 Winston Churchill Stakes at Hurst Park on June 5.

In that race, Premonition (8-1 on) and Osborne (25-1) fought out a photo finish. Premonition won by inches.

Many spectators at Hurst Park and thousands more who followed the race on TV thought that Osborne would have won if he had been more energetically ridden.

Both horses are owned by Brigadier W. P. Wyatt, who lives at Chippenham, near Newmarket, and are trained by Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochfort. Premonition was ridden by the stable-jockey Harry Carr. Burrows, a rider with little racecourse experience, was on Osborne.

The Hurst Park stewards, Lord Allendale, Mr J. E. Ferguson, and Mr Richard Stanley, sent for Captain Boyd-Rochfort and Burrows for explanations.

NOT SATISFIED

They were not satisfied with the explanation given—"the horse was hanging to the left," said Burrows—and referred the matter to the Jockey Club stewards.

When the case was heard in London on June 10 the Jockey Club stewards listened to evidence from Brigadier Wyatt and Harry Carr.

They told Captain Boyd-Rochfort, in fining him £100, that he had neglected his responsibilities as a trainer in not giving Burrows concise orders in accordance with Rule 39.

This rule states: "Every horse which runs in a race shall be run on his merits, whether his owner runs another horse in the race or not."

They told Burrows that they did not accept his explanation that the horse was hanging.

Captain Boyd-Rochfort, a trainer of the highest repute, trains not only for the Queen but for members of the Jockey Club and prominent American owners. He is on Christian-name terms with the Jockey Club stewards.

Brigadier "Willy" Wyatt and his wife own the Dunchurch Lodge Stud and race the horses which they raise there.

Harry Carr has been jockey to Captain Boyd-Rochfort for the past six seasons. Royce Burrows works in the stable, and is a first-class rider in "trials."

Premonition, winner of last year's St Leger, has been trained this season with a view to the Ascot Gold Cup. Brigadier Wyatt bought Osborne, then a six-year-old, as his lead-horse for £2,000 in December.

"Osborne will run whenever Premonition does, to ensure a good pace," the owner told me at the start of the flat-race season. This was copying the Boussac technique.

NEVER ENVISAGED

It was never for one moment envisaged by owner or trainer that the £2,000 horse could beat their champion stayer.

In their first race together, the two-mile Yorkshire Cup at York on May 19, this opinion appeared fully justified. Osborne made the running for one and a quarter-miles. Then Premonition swept past him brilliantly to win by four length from Eastern Emperor.

On June 5 Osborne again went off in front. Three furlongs from the end of this two-mile race he was three lengths clear of Premonition. Burrows looked round as the stable-companion, hard-ridden by Carr, began to draw level.

Carr had his whip out and in the last few yards forced his mount up to win.

Burrows, whatever his instructions, seemed bewildered how to ride Osborne in the last 200 yards.

Both Osborne and Premonition have been accepted for Thursday's Gold Cup at Ascot. "We have made no plans whether to run Osborne or not," Brigadier Wyatt has said.

Premonition is a certain starter.

Captain Boyd-Rochfort said:

"I am most upset that the stewards have taken this attitude, for it has no doubt cast a reflection on my character.

"I must say everybody has been terribly nice about the whole affair, but it has been a great shock to me after such a long and clean record of training race-horses."

—(London Express Service)

CIVIL AID SERVICES

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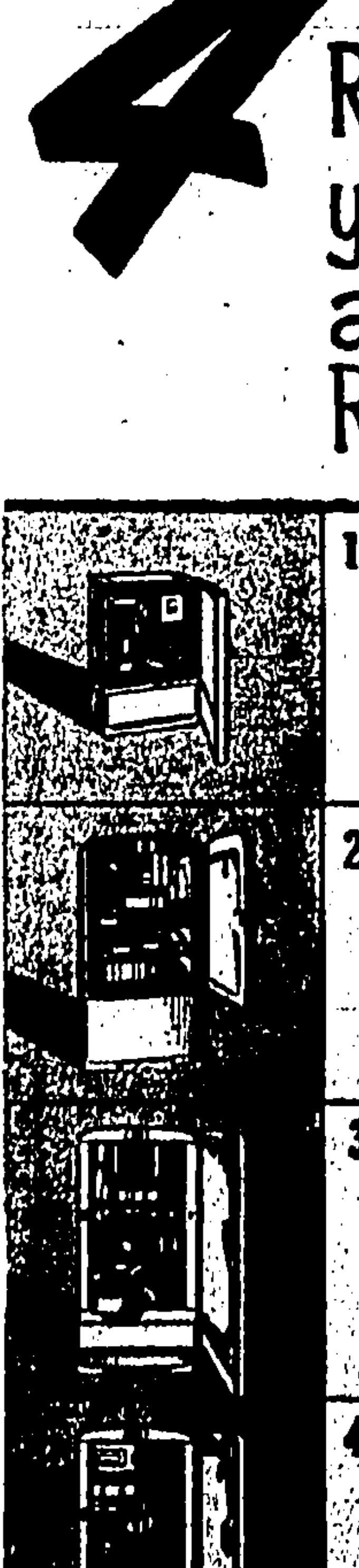

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San Francisco Solves Its Parking Problem

San Francisco, June 17.

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The new garage is underneath historic St Mary's Square, where author Robert Louis Stevenson dreamed away the days while on his way to Samoa. It is five floors deep, has an "underground roof" and cost $2,400,000 (about £800,000 sterling). Space is provided for 1,025 vehicles.

Like the city's first underground garage in Union Square, completed in 1942, the St Mary's Square Garage was financed by a combination of public and private money, symbolic of a partnership of Government and the free enterprise system for public improvements.

Parking space for motor vehicles is one of San Francisco's major problems. In a city of 800,000 people, about 200,000 cars try to find "resting space" in the confined downtown business district each day.

Buildings Torn Down

Since the end of the war about 100 obsolete buildings have been torn down and the land resurfaced for parking spaces.

Areas beneath the approaches to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge have also been converted. The total parking space in both plots and garages is now sufficient for about 20,000 cars.

In addition, the city has 10,000 curb parking meters in operation which may be used by the motorist for one hour at prices ranging from five to 15 cents.

Still, the parking space is inadequate. Private industry was unable to undertake the needed construction because of the high price of land and construction. Moreover, insufficient land was available.

Citizens of San Francisco finally voted $5,000,000 (about £1,870,000 sterling) in 1948 to finance a so-called Parking Authority.

So far, the Authority has aided in the construction of the St Mary's Square Garage and has helped to finance a district parking place which has done nothing but lose money.

The new garage, however, should be a money-maker for the city.

The operator, who has leased the garage as a concession, has agreed to pay the city four per cent of the gross revenues, estimated at a minimum of $1,000,000 a year (about £333,000 sterling), or $1,325 a month (£440 sterling), whichever sum is larger, for the terms of the lease.

When the lease expires, the city is given title to the structure.

The parking rates, from which the operator must pay rent, operating costs, and possibly a dividend on investment, have been set at 25 cents (about 1/8), per hour for the first hour, and 25 cents an hour for each additional hour, with the maximum bill set at $1.25 (8/4). The flat rate monthly parking fee is $22.50 per month (about £7 sterling).—China Mail Special.

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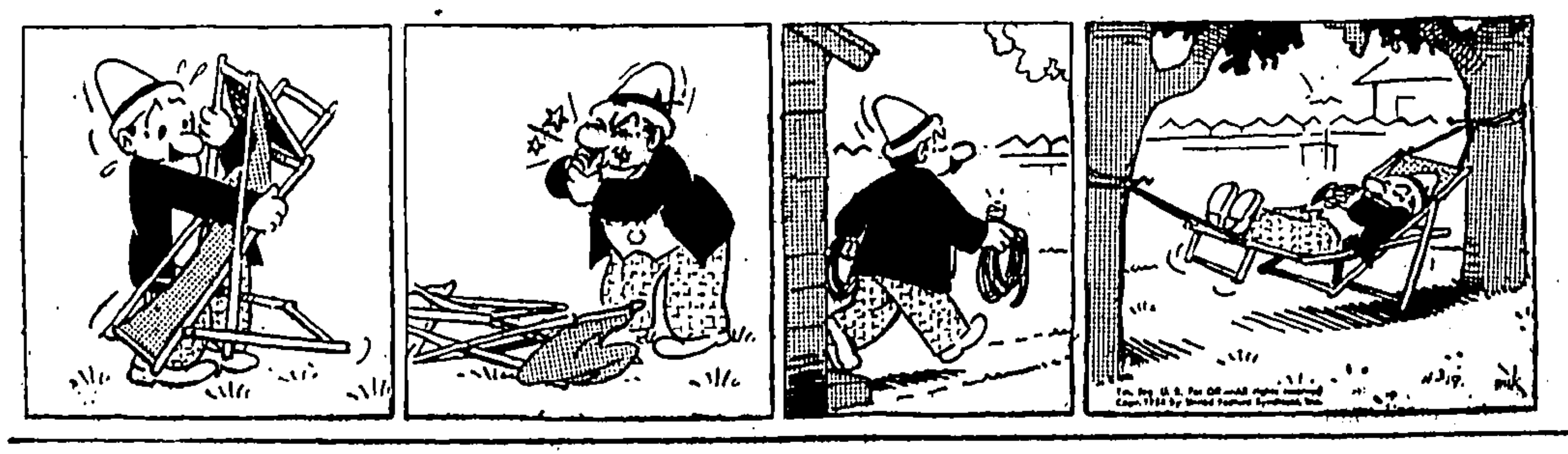

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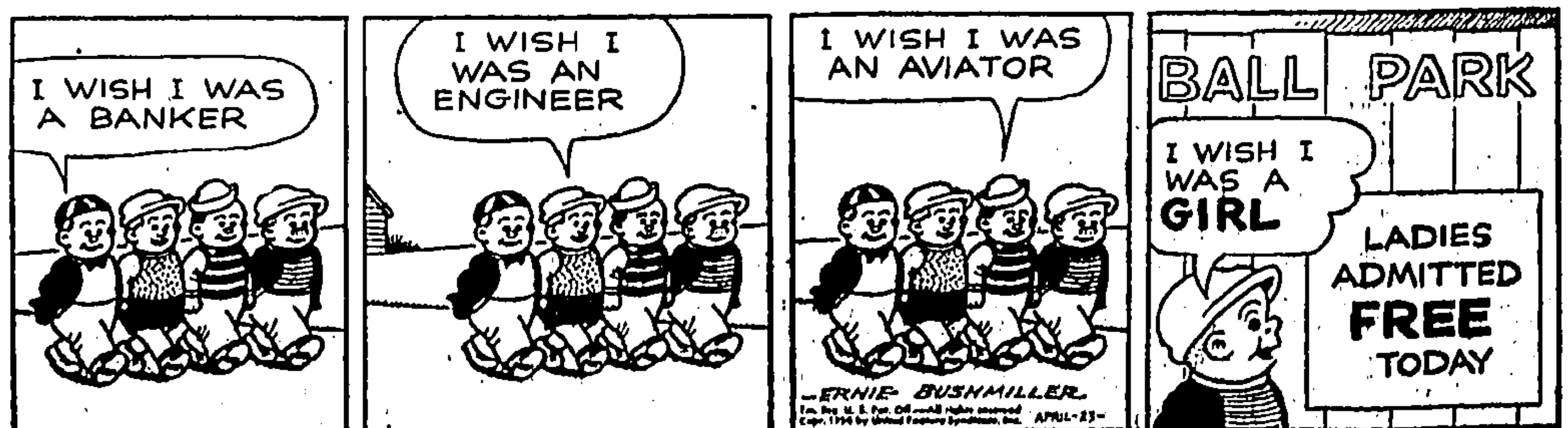
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Huge Brown Coal Deposits Found In India

May Be 2,000 Million Tons

New Delhi, June 17.

In an obscure village in South India, geologists have discovered what they believe to be the richest deposit of lignite (brown coal) in Asia.

Buried 200 feet under the greyish soil of Neyveli in Madras State lie an estimated 2,000,000,000 tons of this vital industrial fuel.

"It may be more, but even the present ascertained deposit would be sufficient to meet the needs of fuel-starved South India for the next 400 years," said one mining expert.

Geologists describe lignite as the "younger brother" of coal. While hard coal is believed to be the charred remains of huge forests buried by floods and earthquakes some 60,000,000 to 100,000,000 years ago, lignite, they say, is swampy vegetation 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 years old and buried comparatively near the earth's surface.

It is usually found in brown "cooked" form, compressed into crusty hardness by the heat from below and weight above.

The presence of lignite in and around Neyveli village in Madras State has been known to geologists and mining engineers for more than 75 years, but due to lack of men, material and money, they were unable to explore the extent of the deposit and develop their find.

Two years ago, the Madras State Government took over the task. Work was started with some foreign assistance and a grant from the Central Government.

Area: 100 Sq. Miles

More than 200 surface wells were bored deep into the earth to gauge the extent of the deposit. It was found that the mineral strata covered an approximate area of 100 square miles. Lignite itself was found at a depth of 100 feet, its thickness varying from 30 to 90 feet.

The quarrying of lignite from below by the traditional method of underground tunnels was ruled out, due to the presence of soft clay overlapping the deposit. The only way to get at this vast hidden treasure, engineers found, was to dig it out through open pits.

Work on a pilot open quarry was started last year. A large pit 500 feet by 500 feet has been dug to a depth of 60 feet. The sides of this gigantic mining shaft have been sloped to facilitate movement of men and machinery to the bottom.

This pilot project would uncover, engineers estimate, a lignite bed of 100 feet, yielding an estimated 80,000 tons of the mineral.

It will be many more months before actual mining operations are started. Labourers have still to remove hundreds of thousands of tons of earth, before striking the mineral.

Collecting Data

Meanwhile, authorities are busy collecting data from the working of the experimental project for guidance when large-scale work on the project is launched.

The pilot project is mainly intended to show the authorities the economic feasibility of exploiting the mineral. Engineers believe it would be possible for them to mine the Neyveli lignite at a cost of six rupees (about 8/-) per ton compared to 27 to 40 rupees (£2-£3) for a ton of coal.

The United States Bureau of Mines has lent the services of a lignite expert to assist Indians in this work. Fifty-year-old Dr Paul Kyrich has been working with Indian geologists and mining engineers at Neyveli since October 1951.

Further foreign aid in the shape of equipment and machinery has also been given by the United [illegible]

Win Min Than Chats With H.E. Bates

Mr H. E. Bates, author of the book which has been made into the film 'The Purple Plain' has a farewell chat with 21-year-old Burmese beauty Win Min Than who played one of the characters he created in this her first film. She returned to Rangoon last week. —Reuterphoto.

Appeal For RN Inquiry Into The Case Of Sir Dudley North

London, June 17.

The five Admirals of the Fleet, three of them former First Sea Lords, who went on deputation to the First Lord, Mr J. P. L. Thomas, in May of last year, to ask him to hold a naval inquiry into the case of Admiral Sir Dudley North, now make public the memorandum they then submitted. They are Lord Chatfield, O.M., Lord Cork and Orrery, Lord Cunningham of Hyndhope, O.M., Sir John Cunningham, and Sir Algernon Willis.

Lord Chatfield told the London Times that he and his fellow admirals feel it their duty to correct what they regard as the misleading impression given in a recent debate in the House of Commons. That is why they wish their memorandum, the text of which is given below, to be published.

MEMORANDUM TO THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, MAY, 1953.

Sir,—We, the undersigned, wish respectfully to lay before you the following memorandum on a subject which we consider to be of the greatest importance to the service. You will be well aware of the case of Admiral Sir Dudley North, who in December, 1940, was dismissed from his command as A.C.N.A. [Admiral Commanding North Atlantic] by the then Board of Admiralty. Admiral North has continually, we understand, endeavoured to have his very severe sentence without trial reinvestigated by a court martial or other court of inquiry. Here are the facts on one side of the case:

The A.C.N.A., was given in July, 1940, some indefinite instructions which were bound to place him in a difficult position should the eventuality, for which the instructions were meant to provide, come to pass. He was also definitely told that French ships were not to be interfered with unless proceeding to enemy ports and that they were in inferior strength.

Although the political situation changed in the next two months, Admiral North's instructions remained unchanged. He was not officially informed of the changes in the Anglo-French political atmosphere; nor was he informed of the Dakar plans, though he probably had some knowledge of them from unofficial sources. As a result, he and his command had a different political mentality from the Admiralty when the crisis arose.

There was some serious negligence in Whitehall which affected the developments on September 10 and 11. This fact was not publicly made known until many years later, when it was stated by Mr Churchill in his book Volume II.

Other Side

On the other side of the case it may be held:—

(1) That if Admiral North had sent the Renown to sea very early on September 11 in order to watch that the French ships did not turn north to Biscay ports, she would, although not a superior force, have been in a position to act on any Admiralty orders issued.

(2) That on receipt of the Naval Attache Madrid's message at 00.08 on September 11 he might have pressed the Admiralty to break their silence about the French ships and thus caused the Admiralty to act.

These two possible courses for him, if sustained by evidence, might have amounted either to "an error of judgment" or "neglect of duty."

But it seems clear that both the Admirals concerned, North and Somerville, had individually most carefully considered their duty and had made an agreed and convinced decision that in taking no action they were acting in accordance with Admiralty instructions and intentions. If, therefore, Admiral North did err in either of the above respects it may be maintained, we feel, that the fault was "an error of judgment, a misinterpretation of Admiralty orders," but was not "neglect of duty," the charge made against him.

The sentence, summarily carried out, was the most severe that could be given in war to a Flag Officer of distinction and high standing, such as might have been given for cowardice, lack of energy, or lack of a sense of responsibility.

The Facts

Those, First Lord, are the facts as many see them today and as they have been publicly stated, and which in the interests of the service we feel it right to bring to your notice. We therefore most respectfully suggest that it is highly desirable that they should be inquired into by the present Board of Admiralty.

Should you, after hearing us at the interview, accept our recommendation of an inquiry, constituted as we have submitted, then we consider that its recommendations should be final. Should the inquiry disclose that Admiral North had been unjustly dealt with, or more severely so than the facts merited, such public statement as you might decide should be made to clear his reputation. Meanwhile, we have requested Admiral Sir Dudley North to stay his hand.

(Signed by) Chatfield, Cork and Orrery, Cunningham of Hyndhope, John Cunningham, Algernon Willis.

Further to the above, the deputation emphasised the following points:—

The decision Admiral North had to make (namely, whether to interfere with the French squadron or not) was one for which he, as S.N.O., was responsible, though Somerville wished fully to share it.

It was not a decision such as is customary in naval warfare, based on the traditions of the service—courage to engage a superior force, energy, or any other fighting quality: it was an exceptional decision in naval history.

The Admiralty were in fact trying to effect a semi-blockade of Toulon from Whitehall; they had laid down a policy in July, but that policy was not really up to date in September. North's problem was "to define what the Admiralty wished done in the circumstances." It was a problem of what was politically required of him.

If he made any error in judgment, it was at any rate not what could be judged as "neglect of duty." Such we feel would be the ordinary naval opinion; nor was it a "lack of prudent precaution."

It can be said, and has been said, that it was a case where the Admiralty machine broke down, and from that failure alone North's problem arose.

It seems to us therefore particularly a case where an inquiry as to the cause and responsibility of any failure at Gibraltar was necessary, before judgment was given and punishment meted. Not only was his request for an immediate inquiry refused, but his many subsequent requests were similarly denied him.

If we may say so with respect, we believe an inquiry by the present Board would reflect highly and would be greatly valued in the service.

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Mail Notices

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FRIDAY, JUNE 18
By Air
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Japan, 3 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19
By Air
Japan, Korea, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 a.m.
Burma, 8 a.m.
Philippines, 9 a.m.
Japan, Korea, USA., 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 p.m.
N. Borneo, 9 a.m.
India, Pakistan, 11 a.m.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Japan, 1 p.m.
Macao, 1.30 p.m.
Philippines, 3 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20
By Air
Formosa, Canada, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 3 p.m.
Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Mauritius, S. Africa, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Philippines, North Borneo, 9 p.m.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Good News From Geneva Spurs The Market

By A Special Correspondent

"New Hope At Geneva" said the headlines yesterday afternoon and utility share prices rose by an average of more than 40 cents on the Hongkong Stock Exchange in a brief hour of trading.

But although the trend was officially described as "firmer" at the close yesterday, brokers anticipate that there will be a period of profit-taking in the next few days unless, of course, the Geneva talks on Indo-China continue to make headway.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that while Mr Chou En-lai now accepts the point that the three Associated States do present different problems, there are still apparently gaping East-West differences over the question of the composition of the Armistice Commission team for Vietnam and a Western compromise on this particular point is hardly likely. The moral, therefore, would be: "Don't be too optimistic about Geneva."

The Stock Exchange tone during the week has been hesitant with prices holding up well and fluctuating narrowly either way. The failure of the Korean talks was apparently taken for granted and so this news didn't upset the market unduly.

Despite yesterday's rises, shares continue to offer attractive yields. Banks fell slightly earlier in the week to $1,035 but came back yesterday afternoon to $1,040. Unions were steady.

The Lands section had a quiet week. Hotels have come up slightly and Hongkong Lands have improved a dollar to $55.

In the Stores section, there has been more interest in Watsons while Dairy Farms had quite an active week and registered a gain of 70 cents up till yesterday.

EXPANDED TRADING

However Utilities have taken what little limelight there was. Trading on the whole showed a slight expansion this week compared with the previous week. Tuesday's business almost touched the million mark while Wednesday's half-day accounted for a $620,860 turnover.

Here, at a glance, is how Hongkong's "Blue Chips" fared:

	June 10	16	17
Banks	1045	1035m	1040
Unions	840	840m	840m
Wheelocks	0.85	0.75b	0.80
Ch Prov	11.70	11.80m	11.70b
HK Hotels	8.10	8.20	8.40
HK Land		54¾m	54	55
Trams	25	25.10	25.70
Ch Lights			
Old	14.20	14.30	14.70
New	11.20	11.30	11.70
Electrics	28.40	28.30	29
Telephones	24.90s	24.90	25.20
D. Farms	23.30s	23.20	23.00

n-nominal b-buyer s-seller b-middle

Trams' one for two bonus issue was announced last night. Rumours were rife on the 'Change yesterday afternoon that the issue was imminent. I think the reason why Trams didn't rise any higher on the afternoon call was that brokers were getting a trifle sceptical of the rumours and were tending to look on the much discussed new issue as just another little pressure being exerted to stimulate the market. Well, this time it's true.

A closer look at that "tight" money policy that a number of Chinese people seem to be pursuing at the moment rather suggests that while (as I pointed out last week) nocturnal institutions such as night clubs are feeling the pinch and possibly also the Gold Exchange, it does not apply to any worthwhile investment.

The main reason for this belief is that it was not so much the British newspaper headlines which stimulated the Stock Exchange yesterday afternoon so much as the Chinese newspapers and it appears that most of the buyers whose purchases were recorded in the afternoon call were Chinese.

FURTHER ACTIVITY?

Undoubtedly there are many who are waiting for a favourable opportunity to invest and if the expected profit-taking should take place tomorrow or on Monday, next week should see some further activity on the share market.

I hear, there is still quite active interest in property buying. There have been a number of cases of investors buying old blocks of flats (still in excellent condition, but, alas, yielding only the standard rent). The old blocks are to be demolished and new blocks (where higher rents can be charged) erected in their place. The tenants, by the way, are given compensation for the trouble they incur in moving.

I questioned a number of brokers yesterday on the vexed question of financing the Kai Tak extension scheme now that it has been revealed that the Colony is not likely to get a $48 million loan from the Colonial Development fund. Some still feel that Government should raise a 5 per cent loan to finance the scheme but others think this is most unlikely in view of the discouraging statement made on this question recently by the Hon. Arthur Clarke. There seem to be no fresh ideas on this subject and the view is that the extra funds will have to come out of revenue or the Colony's reserves.

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Today's Share Prices

TRAMS UP $1.70

(From Our Correspondent)

HK Trams, which announced their one for two bonus issue last night, jumped $1.70 on active trading on the Stock Exchange this morning.

All utilities were higher and market sentiment was helped by Sir Winston Churchill's announcement that Communist China intended to send a diplomatic mission to London shortly.

Business amounted to $905,115. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings;—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1635	1645	3 @ 1040
INSURANCES			
Union	835	842½	21 @ 840
Underwriters		6.85	
SHIPPING			
Waterboat			600 @ 19
Asia Nav.		1.0½	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	60	63	
Dock			300 @ 15½
Provident (Old)	11.90	12.20	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	8.30	8.40	1000 @ 8.40 1600 @ 8.35
HK Land	55	55½	300 @ 55½ 1100 @ 55
" rts.	30½		
S'hai Land	0.50		
Humphreys		17.80	
Realty	1.85		
UTILITIES			
Tram	27.40	27½	2500 @ 27.50 2000 @ 27.60 4000 @ 27.50 1500 @ 27.40 1000 @ 27½ 500 @ 27.40 200 @ 27.50 1000 @ 27.40 200 @ 27½ 500 @ 27.40 500 @ 27.50 1500 @ 27.40
Star Ferry	120		
C. Light (O)	15	15.20	4,300 @ 15
C. Light (N)	12	12.10	1500 @ 12 800 @ 12.10
Electric	29.30	29.60	500 @ 29 200 @ 29.20
Telephone	25½	25.70	500 @ 25½ 1000 @ 25.70
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	18	18.20	500 @ 18 500 @ 18.10
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	24.10	24.30	500 @ 24 1000 @ 24.10 500 @ 24.20 300 @ 24.30
Watson	16.30		800 @ 16.40 600 @ 16.30
COTTONS			
Textiles	6.60		
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	6.15		
Yaumati	140		700 @ 140 100 @ 141
Allied	3.72½	3.77½	3000 @ 3¾ 3000 @ 3.77½ 1400 @ 3¾

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London Foreign Exchange

London, June 17.

New York	2.81-13/16-2.81⅞
Montreal	2.76⅛-2.76⅜
Amsterdam	10.62¼-10.62½
Brussels	140.42½-140.47½
Copenhagen	19.43⅜-19.44⅛
Paris	984-984½
Stockholm	14.49⅞-14.49-15/16
Zurich	12.21½-12.22

—United Press.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE

New York, June 17.

Canada	[illegible]
England-unofficial	[illegible]

—United Press.

UK Anxious About Incentive Report

London, June 17.

The British Government is making "urgent inquiries" about reports that a steel rebate is being offered to German shipbuilders as an artificial incentive, a Government spokesman said today.

A Liberal, Mr Joseph Grimond, raising the matter in the House of Commons, said this incentive to exporters was of a type which Britain and the West German Government had agreed to eliminate.

Mr Reginald Maudling, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said the attention of Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, had been drawn to the reports. He added: "We are making the most urgent inquiries."—Reuter.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, June 17.

Profit-taking made small inroads on the Stock Market advance today as the averages once again approached new highs, but leading sections nevertheless managed to hold small gains.

Trading for the most part was routine with price changes small and volume light. Turnover for the day totalled only 1,810,000 shares, compared with 2,070,000 shares yesterday.

A large list of stocks managed gains of a point or more. But some recent leaders fell a point or more under the pressure of realising.

The action was in line with expectations of many market observers.

It was noted, however, that should the rails break through their 1952 average high and reach the best level since 1930, they might well inject new life into the market.

Rails today were up 41 cents on average, at the highest point since January 30, 1953, and within a few cents of their 1952 peak.

Profit-taking which cut recent good gainers such as Bethlehem Steel, Standard Oil of California, United Aircraft around a point, pulled down the industrial average a few cents.

G.E.C. FEATURES

General Electric continued to feature in industrials. It rose ⅞ of a point to a new high at $43¼ and held ½ a point of the gain. It again was the day's most active issue.

Metal shares were strong as the Government announced it would make stockpiling purchases at the ruling market price instead of setting minimum prices.

Several issues reflected special situations. Devoe & Raynolds lost 2½ points on news that it would be taken by New York Shipbuilding. Kimberly-Clark improved fractionally in continued reaction to a two-to-one split proposal.

Oils also were hit by realising.

Out of 1,170 issues traded, 442 were higher, 441 lower and 287 unchanged.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $3,043,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 630,000 shares.—United Press.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York, June 17.

Dow-Jones closing averages on Wall Street were as follows:

30 industrials	327.21
20 rails	112.20
15 utilities	58.11
65 stocks	123.05
40 bonds	100.77
Comm. future price index	178.07

—United Press.

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CHICAGO GRAIN PRICES

Chicago, June 17.

Closing prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2, red	
Spot	193¼n
July 190⅝ (H) 189⅝ (L)	189¾-⅞
Sept.	192⅛-¾
Dec.	196⅛-⅜
Mar.	198⅛-⅜
Corn, No. 2, yellow	
Spot	162¼
July	156⅞-157
Sept.	152
Dec.	141⅛
Mar.	145⅛
Soybeans, No. 2 yellow	
Spot	391¼n
July	387¾-388
Sept.	270⅞-271
Nov.	250¾-⅞
Jan.	254
Mar.	256⅛-¼
Barley, spot	120-162
New York flour, 200 lbs. sack	$14.40n

—United Press.

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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.78
Sterling notes (per £1)	16.04
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	22.00
Siam ticals (per 100)	26.50
Singapore (Straits)	1.78
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	7.80

Japanese Minister Outlines Prospects For Economic Recovery

Tokyo, June 17.

The Japanese Finance Minister, Mr Sankuro Ogasawa said today the Government's deflationary "austerity" programme was successfully driving down production costs and enabling Japan to increase her sales in competitive world markets.

Mr Ogasawa said the Government planned to push production costs still lower so Japan could further expand her sales abroad. He predicted she would be able to cut costs and increase sales sufficiently to balance her international trade sheet "in the next financial year."

This would mean a complete reversal of the present critical situation in less than two years.

Mr Ogasawa said Japan had to achieve free convertibility of the yen and was anxious to have American co-operation in reaching this goal.

Mr Ogasawa in a detailed discussion of Japan's economic problems and the nation's future made these points:

(1) The Government was determined to continue its deflationary policy, maintain strict credit control and combat inflation.

(2) The Government has "absolutely no idea of changing the exchange rate." The Yen is firming up, on the international open market.

(3) The Government would not grant increases in salary or bonus payments to Government employees as this might encourage inflation and set an example for private industry to follow.

RICE PRICES

(4) If Japan has a normal rice crop this year, the Government intends to reduce the price. Up to now rice prices have been rising every year.

(5) Japan's economic position is already showing signs of improvement. Since last February wholesale prices have declined six per cent and exports between January and May have increased thirty per cent over the same period of last year."

(6) If prices are lowered about ten per cent, Japan can balance her international trade in the next financial year—provided there is no decline in American military orders and other such purchases in Japan.

(7) Japan must improve the quality of her export goods in addition to reducing her prices.

(8) Japan welcomes certain types of foreign investment—those which contribute to the country's foreign exchange position.

(9) Japan would like to expand its economic associations with the various countries of Southeast Asia and contribute to the stabilisation of Asia.

(10) Japan was anxious to settle her reparations obligation and was "eager" to work out a plan for repaying the United States for assistance granted during the occupation.

(11) In addition to meetings on reparations payments as stipulated in the San Francisco peace treaty, Japan might be willing to give some capital goods to the Philippines.—United Press.

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Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, June 17.

The market opened higher and very steady on better overseas advices and trade and factory buying. Later in the day buyers were very cautious and prices slipped half of a cent from the best levels of the day. Future closings:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	
July	65⅞-66
August	66⅛-66¼
September	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	
July	65⅛-65⅜
No. 3 rubber per lb.	
July	64⅛-64¼
No. 4 rubber per lb.	
July	61¼-61½
Spot rubber unbaled	65¼-65¾
Blanket crepe	61⅛-62⅛
No. 1 pale crepe	77-78

—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, June 17.

Rubber futures closed today 12 to 20 points lower with sales of 35 contracts.

Trading continued dull with the lower prices reflecting slightly lower London cables.

Traders reported very little consumer buying.

In the Spot market, No. 1 Rss were quoted at 28¼ cents a pound. Future closings were:

July	23.50
Sept.	23.75
Dec.	23.95
Mar.	24.10
May	24.25b
July	24.30

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, June 17.

The rubber market was steady with No 1 Rss spot quoted at 8/16 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	19⅛-19⅜
Settlement house term:	
July	19⅛-19⅜
Aug.	19⅛-19⅜
Sept.	19⅛-19¾
Oct./Dec.	19¾-20
Jan./Mar.	20⅛-20¼
Apr./June	20⅛-20¼
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
June	19⅛-19⅛
July	19⅛-19 3/16
Aug.	19 7/16-19⅝
Estate crepe, thin	23

—United Press.

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New York Cotton Market

New York, June 17.

Trading in cotton futures continued narrow and irregular in quiet dealings today.

A brief flurry at the opening was offset by some liquidation in the nearby months. Most of the activity centred on evening up operations in old crop July prior to the first notice day.

Late selling pushed nearby months down and at the close prices ruled 8 points lower to 2 points higher. Opening prices were unchanged to up 2 points. New Orleans closed 2 points lower.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open interest
July	23,800	431,000
Oct.	12,500	201,000
Dec.	20,100	72,300
Mar.	7,600	209,700
May	6,900	204,500
July	1,000	93,800
Oct.	2,300	27,500
Dec.	100	200
Total	74,300	1,662,000 bales

—United Press.

NEW YORK PRICES

New York, June 17.

Prices closed today in US cents per lb. as follows:—

Spot	36.38n
July	34.20
October	34.10-11
December	34.11-12
March	34.27
May	34.30
July	34.07
October	33.00
December	33.00

—United Press.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

Liverpool, June 17.

Cotton futures, in pence per lb., and based on American middling cotton 15/16 inch, closed today as follows:—

October/November	31.55
December/Jan.	31.43
March/April	31.40
May/June	30.21

Market: The market tone was quiet. Official prices for spot cotton, as announced today are all unchanged.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, June 17.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 1 point lower to 2 points higher with sales of 36 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 436 contracts.

Traders reported a good deal of inquiry in the world raw market coming from both Europe and the Far East.

Domestic futures were quiet with domestic raw sales reported. Demand for refined sugar was reported as good.

Future closings were:

Contract No. 4 (world)

July
Sept.
Oct.
Jan.
Mar.
May
July
Spot (cents per lb. fob

Contract No

July
Sept.
Nov.
Mar.
May
July
Sept.
Nov.
Spot (cents per lb. cif ex-duty)

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LADIES' DAY

ON the day of The Oaks, Ladies' Day, the Downs at Epsom are bright as a vast herbaceous border with all the pretty dresses. The jockeys' silks look pale by comparison.

Over the Whitsun week-end, where ever women gather, the effect was the same on a smaller scale. Something new and gay to wear is almost as important at this season to a woman as food and drink.

The longing makes itself felt as forcibly in the meaner parts of London as in Mayfair or in a Knightsbridge mews.

The longing reached out the other day and grabbed at the heart of a little, hollow-cheeked woman named Jane. She had no money to satisfy the longing and she hoped to make do with a sight of the lovely clothes that women better off than she is could buy.

WINDOW-SHOPPING

SHE came up to the West End to do some window-shopping. She wore an unsuitable, unseasonable brown suit that was shiny with long wearing - because she had nothing else to put on.

On the whole Jane enjoyed the bitter-sweet business of looking at the shop windows and after some time of it, greatly daring, she pushed through the swing doors into a store to have a closer look at the things on show.

Jane wandered through the departments and as she went her strength of will began to disintegrate.

In the skirt department she stole a skirt priced (astronomically high for her) at 29s. 11d. Then she hurried into the street.

'SOMETHING NEW'

THE store-detective stopped her almost at once.

"Oh, please let me go," Jane cried. "I've only a 10s. pension, and I'm tired of these things I'm wearing. I wanted something new. I'll never do it again. Do let me go."

The police were called and next day Jane tremulously pleaded guilty at Marlborough Street to stealing the pearl-grey skirt that was laid over the edge of the witness-box.

"Although she claimed she had only a 10s. pension, that is not quite true," said counsel for the store to Mr Rowland Thomas, QC, the magistrate. "I will call the officer, who will tell you the facts about this woman."

The gaoler put out an arm to support Jane who, in the dock, was near to collapsing with the shame and the agony.

'I JUST FORGOT'

"THIS woman is of previous good character," said the officer in charge of the case. "She is 53 years old and has been a widow since 1937. She has a widow's pension of 32s. 6d., and she does two small domestic jobs.

"She works at a private house in the mornings, which brings her in 30s. a week; then three afternoons she does other domestic work which earns her 20s. Out of the total of £4 2s. 6d. she pays £1 a week rent."

"Well," said the magistrate to Jane, "what do you want to say? You steal and then you tell lies."

"Oh, I didn't think what I was doing," Jane sobbed. "I just forgot."

SUN AND SHINE

JANE whispered something. The gaoler explained: "She says it has all been such a shock, sir."

"Pay 40s. fine and two guineas costs," said the magistrate.

Jane swayed out on the gaoler's arm. The sun, striking through the skylight, unkindly showed up the shine and shabbiness of her old costume. A moment later, as the pearl-grey skirt was taken from court, the sunlight fell on that, too, and showed how fresh and gay it was, how suitable for spring-time.

City Hall; Amended Estimates

The Government PRO announces that the text of the Press release on the subject of the annual recurrent expenditure in connection with the City Hall which was issued yesterday afternoon was, due to a misunderstanding in the Secretariat, incorrect.

The revised and approved text is as follows:

When the plans of the City Hall were released for public display recently it was announced that an estimate of what the City Hall will involve in annually recurrent expenditure would be published.

Tentative estimates have now been worked out on what is considered to be an adequate but not extravagant basis. At the present day level of costs and salaries the net recurrent expenditure might be expected to amount to approximately $1,250,000 per annum, made up as follows:—

Maintenance Charges $530,000; Management Charges $303,000; total $833,000.

Cultural Activities

Staff: Museum and Art Gallery $194,000; Library $236,000 Maintenance of exhibits and small acquisitions $50,000; Maintenance and replacement of books $100,000; Periodicals $25,000; Incidentals, including stationery $50,000; total $655,000; Grand Total $1,488,000.

REVENUE

Lettings, admission fees and fines etc. $200,000; Savings on office rent by accommodating the Urban Council and Marriage Registry, say $75,000; total $1,213,000.

Or say approximately $1,250,000 per annum.

RESUMES DUTY

Mr Arthur Leslie Potter, Senior Education Officer (Principal, King George V School) has resumed duty while Mr Gonrad William Watson has ceased to act as Senior Education Officer (Principal, King George V School) it is notified in the Government Gazette today.

Miss Moira Gemmell Anderson has been appointed to be an Education Officer on probation by His Excellency the Governor under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Meeting

The Sixty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Members of The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company Limited was held this morning at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company Limited, 18, Pedder Street, Hongkong. Mr R. Gordon, the Chairman of the Company, presided.

The following is the Chairman's Annual Statement which was circulated prior to the Meeting with the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1953:

You will remember that the Chairman at our last Annual Meeting gave warning that increased competition and reduced freight rates in many of our trades were to be expected during 1953. This forecast has unfortunately proved correct, although we must not lose sight of the fact that the years 1951 and 1952 belonged to a period of exceptional prosperity in the shipping industry which could not be expected to continue. The recession from this boom period has made itself felt perhaps to a greater degree in our Far Eastern trades than in many others. In addition to the disturbing effect of strong and often impetuous competition and consequent over - tonnaging of berths, the total quantity of cargo offering in our main services fell considerably in consequence of import restrictions imposed by countries such as Australia and Japan. For the entrepot trade of Hongkong itself, 1953 has been a depressing year. The United Nations embargo has probably affected Hongkong more than any other country in the world.

Judged in this light, the results of the year ended 31st December 1953, while comparing unfavourably with the previous year, are perhaps not unsatisfactory.

Before referring to the details of the Accounts I will give a brief summary of our operations. The available tonnage at the Company's disposal during 1953 averaged about 10,000 tons less per month than in 1952, due to the termination of the Hindustan Charter late in 1952 and that of the Kafiristan in June 1953. With the increased Japanese participation in the Australia trade it was apparent that the Company's own vessels Eastern Star, Eastern Glory and Eastern Saga would be sufficient to maintain our Australia China Line service. As previously mentioned this trade was also seriously affected by the reduced foreign exchange available in Japan for imports and the restrictions against Japanese imports by Australia. This position was eased somewhat towards the end of the year by a welcome relaxation of the Australian restrictions.

Our oldest trade, the Bay of Bengal/Japan service, likewise felt the strain of competition and over-tonnaging, resulting in smaller cargoes per ship, notably out of Japan. Fortunately we have many friendly and long established connections in India, East Pakistan and Burma on whose support we hope we may continue to rely in return for the good service we endeavour always to give.

The two vessels Wosang and Esang continued throughout the year under charter to the Ministry of Transport for operation on Sea Transport Service, and it was recently agreed to extend both charters up to October/November 1954

TIMBER CARRIER

Last year the Chairman mentioned the expansion of timber operations in North Borneo. These have brought an increased need for our specialised type of vessel and we have consequently concluded negotiations recently for a suitable additional ship for this service. This vessel will be of similar size and equipment to our other three timber carriers and we expect to be able to place her in commission before the end of the summer.

During the year under review there were no additions to the Company's fleet, and at the 31st December 1953 it comprised 14 ships of a total gross tonnage of 60,542, the average age being approximately 9½ years. The building of the new vessel ordered from Messrs. William Denny & Brothers Ltd., Dumbarton, as announced in the Reports of the two previous years, has not yet commenced but we are expecting some definite news in this regard shortly. The two remaining bulk oil lighters were disposed of at satisfactory terms, also a redundant steam launch. These disposals reduced the Company's small craft fleet to the launches necessary at Hongkong for operational requirements.

Turning to the Accounts, the Balance of the Ships' Working Account stands at £254,449, as compared with £671,551 for 1952. Income from British and Dominion Government Securities has risen by £17,371 to £34,094 due to sale ex dividend of securities shortly due for redemption, and the purchase of others yielding higher interest.

On the expenditure side, the Depreciation on Steamships and Properties is reduced from £161,166 to £90,315. In consultation with the Auditors our depreciation scale has been modified so that the eventual residual value at the end of 20 years' life is calculated on an estimated scrap value rather than reduced to nil. You will note that there is a much lower Provision for Taxation. This is because the taxable profits of 1953 are considerably lower than for 1952. In addition, after agreeing assessments and settling some previous arrears of taxes we have been able to write back overprovisions amounting to £6,000 to credit of Profit and Loss. We may be able to write back a further sum next year in this way when other outstanding assessments have been agreed.

The net profit carried to Appropriation Account is £153,586. Adding the balance of £76,041 brought forward from 1952, there is an amount of £229,627 available for appropriation, as compared with the 1952 figure of £457,288.

As you are aware it is the Company's policy to distribute whenever possible to the staff afloat a reasonable bonus out of the profits of the Company, in the form of a grant to the Provident Fund. Your Directors recommend £12,000 this year as a sum appropriate to the lower net profit.

VITALLY IMPORTANT

The second appropriation item is the Transfer to Ships' Replacement Account. To enable us to replace our ships when they become obsolete and uneconomical it is vitally important to continue each year to set aside as much as possible to this reserve. The recommended appropriation this year is £40,000 as against £180,000 in 1952, but this fund has also been augmented by the transfer of £100,000 from the reserve for Deferred and Ships Survey Repairs. Over the past two years our expenditure in the latter connection has been less than anticipated because most of the old ships for which this fund was intended have been disposed of, and while our fleet is young there will not be the need for so large a reserve for this purpose. The Deferred and Ships Survey Repairs Reserve will now stand at £88,598 which is considered adequate for this requirement. Your Directors also recommend a transfer to Underwriting Reserve of £12,000 as being an allocation appropriate to this year's results.

DIVIDENDS

After providing for the required 6% on the Cumulative Preferred Ordinary Shares, your Directors recommend the same dividend as last year on the Deferred Ordinary Shares, namely 10% plus a bonus of 5% making a total of 15% on the Deferred Ordinary Shares. Your Board regret that they cannot prudently recommend a higher bonus out of the profit made this year. The total dividend and bonus payment on this basis will amount to £89,261.

After the allocation of this dividend and the other appropriations there is a balance of £76,366 to be carried forward to 1954, approximately the same amount as was carried forward the previous year.

Turning to the Balance Sheet it will be seen that the value of the Fleet is now at £1,633,512, the reduction being due to depreciation and amounts written off. The market value of our investments at the close of the year was slightly in excess of their book value.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr C. D. Slade, the Report and Accounts were adopted and the following dividends approved:—

A Dividend of 6% less Tax on the Cumulative Preferred Ordinary Shares and a Dividend of 10% less tax together with a bonus of 5% less Tax on the Deferred Ordinary Shares, the dividends on the shares on the Hongkong Register to be paid at the Exchange Rate of 1s/2.-27/32d. per Hongkong Dollar and to be subject to the deduction of Corporation Profits Tax at the rate of 2.7%.

The appointment of Mr B. T. Flanagan who joined the Board in March, 1954 was confirmed on the proposal of Mr M. H. Lo seconded by Mr G. L. Marshall; and Mr H. R. M. Cleland the Director retiring by rotation was re-elected to the Board, the Resolution being proposed by Mr H. H. Tod and seconded by Mr D. Hung.

The remuneration of the Company's Auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham, & Matthews, was fixed at $18,000 for the ensuing year, this being proposed by the Hon. D. C. Geddes and seconded by Mr D. O. MacLennan.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

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"Let's wait for a waltz—I forgot to send the cheque last month for my accident insurance!"

Constable On Trial For Alleged Murder

The trial of PC Wong Tung-yan, accused of having shot his colleague, PC Choi Ng-pun, to death at the Peak Police Station on February 24, opened at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Mr Justice C. W. Reece and a Jury of three women and four men.

The accused is being defended by Mr Patrick Yu (instructed by Mr F. X. d'Almada).

Prosecuting is Senior Crown Counsel, Mr D. F. O. Mayne, who told the Jury in his opening of the case that the accused was on guard duty on the day of the alleged murder and had a rifle loaded with five rounds of ammunition.

On that day there was a certain amount of tension in the Station because on the following day there was going to be an inspection by a senior Police officer. Such inspections were important events in the life of a constable for a smart and alert PC might be promoted, whereas on the other hand if he was found to be slack he might be demoted or punished. Thus on February 24 there was a lot of collecting and polishing of equipment and a certain amount of worry as to what would happen the following day.

Mr Mayne said that the rifle handed to the accused for guard duty was in the safety position and could not be fired without four separate movements, according to the Ballistics Officer, Mr Ewans. The gun was taken from the accused for a short time to have another sling put in but none of the working parts was interfered with.

HUNG UP GLOVES

At 12.10 p.m. the accused with the loaded gun went out to the grounds of the Station and was seen to hang up a pair of gloves. The next thing was a shot was heard. There were no eyewitnesses, but three persons very nearby came on the scene in a matter of seconds and saw the deceased on the ground and the accused standing two feet away with the rifle in his hand. The accused appeared to be very nervous. The gun was taken from him and inspected by the ballistics expert. The accused gave an explanation of the incident.

Crown Counsel said that the expert would tell the Jury that the manner in which the accused said that the shooting occurred would be quite impossible. The expert found that the bolt of the rifle was from another rifle, making it more difficult to push the bolt into place; the bolt pressure was 20 pounds, but the first and second trigger pressures were normal, being four pounds and nine and half pounds respectively. The gun was also tested for accidental firing and the expert formed the opinion that it was in such a state as to make it impossible for it to go off accidentally. Two of the four separate movements would have to be gone through—the safety catch released and the bolt thrust forward. Even then it was still impossible for it to go off accidentally by hitting the ground or otherwise.

Mr Mayne said that Dr Pang examined the injured constable who died very shortly after being shot. The bullet entered the back of his head and came out through the forehead round his eye. From measurements taken it was seen that the bullet was travelling upwards when it hit the deceased.

SALIENT POINTS

Mr Mayne said that the salient points were that the accused left his position in which he should have been guarding the post; he was in possession of a gun which required four deliberate movements; the deceased was shot through the head; in a matter of seconds the accused was seen standing over the body with the gun in his hand; evidence that the shooting could not have occurred in the way the accused described.

There were some words between the two men that day and on the previous day, in regard to gloves for inspection, continued Crown Counsel. But the Crown did not know the motive for the killing and it was not part of the Crown's case to prove the motive. All it had to do was to show there had been an intention to kill on the part of the accused.

Mr Mayne explained malice aforethought to the Jury, as being an intention to kill or to do grievous bodily harm. He told them the three possible verdicts—guilty of murder, if they found the accused guilty of intention to kill; guilty of manslaughter if they found it was an unintentional killing by reason of reckless negligence on the part of the accused; and a verdict of not guilty.

The trial is continuing.

DEATH SENTENCE QUASHED BY APPEAL COURT

Tang Kau, 39, who killed his 50-year-old mother, was saved from the gallows by the Full Court of Appeal this morning when it quashed his conviction of murder and sentence of death and substituted a conviction of manslaughter.

President of the Court, Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, who sat with Mr Justice J. Reynolds, sentenced Tang to 18 years and told him "your conviction of murder is quashed by reason of an accidental defect in the summing-up of the Trial Judge, but your offence remains in the mind of this Court almost as serious as if you had suffered that full conviction. It would appear that you had only been released from prison for about two years from serving a sentence for robbery and the person who was the victim of your violence was your own mother."

Tang was sentenced to death by Mr Justice C.W. Reece on May 22 when a Jury convicted him for murder. He was said to have almost decapitated his mother with a chopper in Pui Mei Village, Lantao on March 9.

Crown Counsel Mr D.N.E. Rea disclosed this morning that he was sentenced to seven years and 12 strokes in 1947 for robbery and had convictions for gambling offences.

Defence Counsel, Mr R. W. S. Winter, (instructed by Mr G. Golby), appealed against the conviction on the ground that the Trial Judge did not sufficiently direct the Jury on provocation and intent to such an extent as to amount to a misdirection. He contended that Tang should have been convicted of manslaughter and not of murder.

The Full Court held that Mr Winter was right in asking it to substitute a verdict of manslaughter for murder, and asked Mr Rea whether he intended to support the Jury's verdict.

The Full Court was of the opinion that the Trial Judge did not explain to the Jury that even though they did not completely accept the story of the accused as to the events of that particular morning, yet if they still were in doubt as to whether he was correct or not then it would be proper for them to return a verdict of manslaughter.

TECHNICAL OMISSION

Mr Rea maintained that on the Trial Judge's lucid summing-up on provocation the Jury were entitled to arrive at their verdict. If the Court felt there had been a misdirection in the summing-up he submitted this could make an order for re-trial. At most it was a technical omission on the part of the Trial Judge and if it had appeared in his summing-up it would not have affected the Jury and the verdict would have been the same, argued Mr Rea.

Giving the Full Court's decision, Mr Justice Gould said that they had carefully examined the record of the case. The evidence was almost entirely circumstantial and the only defence put up at the trial was that the accused was provoked sufficiently to reduce the offence to manslaughter. The story the accused told was, to the mind of the Full Court very unlikely, but it was nevertheless rightly left to the Jury by the Trial Judge to bring in a verdict of manslaughter if they considered it proper.

After quoting the authorities regarding direction the Jury on provocation, Mr Gould pointed out a case where the Court of Appeal held that the Jury were not adequately directed that reasonable doubt whether provocation existed, as opposed to confident assurance that it did, was sufficient to require the milder view to be taken.

OTHERWISE ADEQUATE

Unfortunately this was the present position; the summing-up was otherwise adequate and very careful, said Mr Justice Gould referring to it.

He said that in no way in the summing-up was it brought to the minds of the Jury that even if they did not accept all the story of the accused, it would still be correct for them to bring in a verdict of manslaughter if they were left in reasonable doubt as to whether provocation had been proffered or not. In those circumstances it might well be that the Jury considered it was on the accused to show the defence of provocation to the same extent that the Crown had to show he was guilty of murder, that is, that they must be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt.

As to Crown Counsel's suggestion of a re-trial, Mr Justice Gould, declared that it was not in accordance with the practice of the Court as laid down in an earlier decision by Sir Atholl Macgregor before the war. As he recollected it was only when an accused obviously guilty, escaped a conviction by reason of a technicality that such a course should be adopted.

The Appeal Court was not able to say that had the full and proper direction been given a reasonable Jury could not have returned any other verdict than guilty of murder, concluded the President, allowing the appeal.

Appointed To Council

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr John Arthur Blackwood, provisionally and subject to Her Majesty's pleasure, to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council with effect from June 9, during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Cedric Blaker, MC, ED, it was stated on the Government Gazette this morning.

It was also notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint (Special) Inspector George Tung Fung-loo to the acting rank (Special) Assistant Superintendent of Police in the Special Constabulary with effect from June 10.

Defence Force Promotions

It is notified in today's Government Gazette that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following appointments in the Royal Hongkong Defence Force: Flt-Lt. James Emmanual Louis Larsen, AFC, to be promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader; Sgt Graham Long to be acting Pilot Officer; L. C. Mohaned Jan Zamman to be acting Pilot Officer.

It has also been notified that His Excellency the Governor has accepted the resignation of Major Porphyrio Maria Nolasco da Silva of the Royal Hongkong Regiment, and Flying Officer Lewin Arthur Benn of the Royal Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force.

Official Appointments

The following appointments are notified in today's Government Gazette:

Dr Lin Ching-kuei, to be a Medical Officer; Mr Watt Holker to act as Senior Education Officer during the absence of Mr Sidney John George Burt; Dr Kenneth Harrison Uttley, to act as Deputy Director of Medical and Health Services; Dr Gerald Victor Alexander Griffin to act as Deputy Director of Medical Services; Dr Samuel Hollingsworth Moore, to act as Senior Medical Officer; Mr Maurice Heenan to act as Solicitor-General.

Radio Hongkong

6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.05, "Jennings at School" by Anthony Buckeridge, No. 1: "Jennings watches the Match" (BBCTS); 6.30, Cantonese by Radio [illegible] Lee, Wai-lan (Recorded); 6.45, Jackie Gleason and his Orch. [illegible] "Tawny"; 6.55, Boxing: World Championship between Rocky Marciano and Ezzard Charles. [illegible] New York. (Recorded London Relay); 7, Artist of the Week: [illegible]